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OCTOBER.

- Oct. 29.—Royal Epping Forest : Gordon Cup.  
 Woodford : Captain's Prize.  
 Buxton and High Peak : Competition (Final).  
 Ilkley : Monthly Medal.  
 Crookham : Monthly Medal.  
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Open Competition for Amateurs and Professionals.  
 Islay : Monthly Competition.  
 Warwickshire : Club Cup Competition.  
 Cinque Ports : Monthly Medal.  
 Sidecup : Monthly Medal.  
 Royal Wimbledon : Monthly Medal.  
 Lanark : Monthly Medal.  
 Seaford : Gold Medal.  
 Royal Eastbourne : Monthly Medal ; Club and Aggregate Prizes.  
 Littlestone : Autumn Meeting.  
 West Cornwall : Monthly Medal.  
 Cheadle : "Bogey" Competition.  
 Royal West Norfolk : Monthly Medal.  
 St. Neots : Monthly Medal.  
 Birkdale : Pearson Prize.
- Oct. 29 & Nov. 1.—Littlestone : Handicap Tournament.  
 Oct. 31.—Royal Eastbourne : "Bogey" Competition.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 1.—Carnarvonshire : Monthly Medal.  
 Cheadle : Single and Foursome Handicap.  
 Birkdale : Miss Burton's Ladies' Prize.

- Nov. 2.—Barnes Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
 Blackheath Ladies : Monthly Medal.  
 Nov. 2 & 3.—Bath : Autumn Meeting.  
 Nov. 3.—Braids, Edinburgh : Braids Medal.  
 Tyneside : Handicap Competition.  
 Nov. 4 & 5.—Brighton and Hove : Autumn Meeting.  
 Nov. 5.—Great Yarmouth : November Meeting.  
 London Scottish : Monthly Medal.  
 Tooting : Monthly Medal.  
 Warwickshire : Annual General Meeting.  
 Redhill and Reigate : Turner Medal.  
 Manchester : Monthly Medal.  
 Lytham and St. Anne's : Captain's Prize.  
 Didsbury : Match with Cheadle.  
 Staines : Members' Handicap Prize.  
 Cheadle : Cheadle v. Didsbury.  
 Birkdale : Monthly Medal.  
 Aldeburgh : Monthly Medal.
- Nov. 7 & 8.—Great Yarmouth : Match v. Cambridge University.  
 Nov. 8.—West Cornwall : Ladies' Monthly Medal.  
 Nov. 9.—Royal Epping Forest : Aggregate Competition.  
 Nov. 9, 10 & 11.—Warwickshire : Autumn Meeting.  
 Nov. 10, 11 & 12.—Tooting : Autumn Meeting.  
 Nov. 11 & 12.—Wilmslow : Boddington and Haworth Cups.  
 Nov. 12.—Hayling : Monthly Medal.  
 Bradford, St. Andrews : Rhodes Medal.  
 Buxton and High Peak : The Strang Cup.  
 Guildford : Monthly Handicap.  
 Royal Isle of Wight : Monthly Medal.  
 Sutton Coldfield : Monthly Medal.  
 St. George's (Sandwich) : Monthly Medal.  
 Southport : Monthly Medal.  
 West Herts : Monthly Medal.  
 Didsbury : Mr. Galbraith's Prize (Second Competition).  
 Ealing : Autumn Meeting.  
 Littlestone : Monthly Medal.  
 Staines : Monthly Medal.  
 Birkdale : Pears n Prize.  
 Willesden : Club Silver Medal.
- Nov. 12 & 14.—Cumbrae : Monthly and Ladies' Competitions.  
 Nov. 15.—Whitley : Jockey Cup.  
 Cambridge University : Linskill Cup and Prize Medal.  
 Nov. 19.—Formby : Captain's Prize.  
 Disley : Silver Medal.  
 Ealing : Monthly Medal.  
 Royal Wimbledon : London Scottish Joint Medal.  
 Southport : Scarisbrick Cup (Second Round).  
 Ranelagh : Monthly Medal.  
 Wimbledon Ladies : Monthly Medal.
- Nov. 22.—Cambridge University : St. Andrews Medal.

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## TWO CHAMPIONSHIP GREENS.

Now that the Championship for 1892 has passed, and the unhappy differences which arose as to the green on which it should be played have been happily overcome, it may be useful to compare the capabilities of the two greens—Musselburgh and Muirfield, as golfing greens, and consider whether either of them can justly lay claim to be a green on which the greatest event of the year in the golfing world should take place.

Looking first at the results of the play, it is somewhat remarkable that the competitions which took place last month over the two greens, were both gained by the two leading competitors, Mr. Hilton and Willie Park, in the same number of strokes, viz., 305 for the seventy-two holes, giving an average of 76.25 for eighteen holes. The lowest scores of any single round of eighteen holes were those of Mr. Hilton at Muirfield, 72, and of Jack Kirkaldy at Musselburgh, 71.

Sixty competitors, including twenty-two amateurs, started at Muirfield, and fifty-two competitors, including six amateurs, at Musselburgh. At Musselburgh there were fourteen competitors, including two amateurs, whose combined scores averaged under 80, and at Muirfield there were eleven competitors including three amateurs, who maintained the same average. At Muirfield there were fifty-one scores under 80, and at Musselburgh forty such scores.

It would seem from the above *data* that the eighteen holes of the two greens should, at present, be negotiated in nearly the same figures. How is this brought about?

On a calm day at Musselburgh, in the two rounds of nine holes, there are six putting-greens, the fourth, seventh, ninth, thirteenth, sixteenth, and eighteenth, which can be reached by good drives from the tee, thus making at par play six holes for 18. There are eight putting-greens the first, fifth, sixth, eighth, tenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and seventeenth, which can be reached in two shots, thus making 32 for the par play of these holes; and the remaining four holes, viz., the second, third, eleventh, and twelfth, usually require three shots to reach their greens, giving 20 for their par play. This makes the par play of the green 70.

Under the same conditions of reckoning, there are at Muirfield three holes the putting-greens of which can be reached from the tee in one stroke, viz., the first, fifteenth, and seventeenth; twelve holes requiring two shots for the same result viz., the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and sixteenth, and three holes, the second, eighth, and eighteenth, requiring usually three strokes. This reckoning gives 72 as the par play of the green.

When the difficulties to be overcome on the two greens are considered, great differences will be found. As far as the putting-greens are concerned, those at Muirfield are better in every way than those at Musselburgh, although the latter were during the September competition in as good order as they have been for many years. The Muirfield greens and the lies throughout the course, reflect the greatest credit on the zeal and industry of the Honourable Company's green committee. The amount of labour and care required to bring a new green into the state in which the Muirfield green was at the Championship meeting must have been very great.

The "three-holes" at Muirfield—*i.e.*, the holes to be reached from the tee—the first, fifteenth, and seventeenth, are as good golfing holes as any on the green. The first requires straight and good driving, but has no hazard for a topped shot; the fifteenth has a very good bunker to be carried, the far border of which in a line to the hole is 120 yards from the tee; and the seventeenth has a bunker almost bounding the green, the hole edge of which is 140 yards from the tee.

At Musselburgh, the holes to be reached from the tee are also good holes. At the fourth hole, 150 yards of irregularly

placed sandy hazards must be carried to reach the green, which is flanked on both sides by bunkers, so that both straightness and distance are required for the tee shot. At the seventh hole, a succession of bunkers lie between the tee and the green, punishing a badly topped ball, and the far edge of the last bunker bounds the green at 168 yards from the tee, so that a well-hit ball carrying this bunker lies on the green. The ninth hole is a good cleek drive, requiring a carry of 132 yards to overcome the hill in front of the green, and the drive must be straight to avoid a bunker flanking the course on each side at the same distance. The "three-holes" at Musselburgh have longer carries from the tee, and there are six of them in the eighteen-hole round, while at Muirfield there are only three.

Of the twelve holes at Muirfield requiring two shots to reach the putting-greens on a calm day, viz., the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and sixteenth, all are easily reached in two strokes. They are mostly what may be termed "levellers," and belong to that objectionable class of hole which can be reached with a drive and an iron shot, or with two cleek shots, or even two iron shots. On a calm day, it is immaterial as regards covering the distance, whether the player tries to get as far forward as he can off the tee or not. The moderate driver is placed on an equality, or nearly so, with the best driver. The brilliant driver cannot reach the green from the tee, while the poorer driver, or the driver who has missed his tee shot, can reach the green in his second. The former has for that purpose to play a short iron, and the latter a long iron shot. The former risks the bunker at the end of his carry from the tee, and the latter risks it in his approach shot with an iron. To give the good driver a fair return for his skill, and especially if he be asked to risk the long carry of a bunker from the tee, the "four-hole" should be of such length that it requires another good drive to reach it, as in the second hole at Muirfield, where a player is repaid for risking and carrying the green bunker in his second shot; or the ground should be so arranged that, if the drive from the tee has not carried the tee hazard, the player cannot easily reach the hole in his second. At most of the "four-holes" at Muirfield, a cleek shot from the tee is as good as a driver shot, and in some cases safer, so that several good drivers preferred at certain holes to use the cleek from the tee.

At Musselburgh, of the eight holes in the two rounds which can be reached from the tee in two strokes, four are over 340 yards, and all these have good well-placed hazards in the line to the hole, requiring a fair second shot to reach the green in safety.

Taking 175 yards as a good average drive on a calm day, the holes at Muirfield usually requiring more than two shots to reach the greens are the second, eighth, and eighteenth. These three "five-holes" are good golfing holes, having bunkers to be avoided, or carried from the tees, at about 155, 115, and 80 yards respectively, and a hazard in front of each green, which must be negotiated, or considerable distance lost.

The corresponding holes at Musselburgh, viz., the second and third, eleventh and twelfth, are also good golfing holes, requiring high golfing skill to negotiate each of them in five strokes, as the bunkers are well-placed and numerous.

It will be seen from what has been said, that one deficiency of the Muirfield green is the absence of that very important stroke, the shot with wood through the green. At Muirfield, if the tee shot has been an average one, there are only three such shots in the round, viz., at the second, eighth, and eighteenth holes. At Musselburgh there are six such shots in the eighteen holes, viz., at the second, third, fifth, eleventh, twelfth, and fourteenth.

Comparing St. Andrews green with Muirfield and Musselburgh, it will be found that there are at least eleven shots through the green where, a good lie being obtained, a wooden club will be required to cover the desired distance. There is also at St. Andrews a great absence of that levelling "four-hole," the drive and iron hole. Long driving is, as it should always be, well repaid at St. Andrews, but, unfortunately, a hard hit, topped ball, may be equally well repaid. However, the distance must generally be covered in one, two, or three long shots to reach the greens in scratch play, and it is material

to effecting this, that the driver should be taken at the tee. At Muirfield there are fifteen holes under 340 yards long, at Musselburgh there are ten such in the two rounds, and at St. Andrews there are seven such.

As Muirfield stands at present, and as Musselburgh can never be extended beyond the nine holes, neither can claim to equal some other greens as the arena on which the great events of the golfing world—the yearly Championships—should be decided. By taking in some of the ground, either on the north or west of the present course, and adding it thereto, by the introduction of some finer “faces” to play over, and relieving the somewhat monotonous level, and by the reduction of the present number of “four-holes,” Muirfield would, despite its distance from any convenient lodgings for the professional competitors, at least approach more nearly the class of the other greens on which the competitions are held.

W. LAIDLAW PURVES.

### POT-HUNTING IN GOLF.

The present-day Volunteer who can shoot with more than average accuracy, and who annually nets a handsome “pile” by attending every prize meeting in the country, is not as a rule credited with much genuine patriotism. On the contrary, outsiders are strongly inclined to the belief that with the crack-shot it is Pelf first and Patriotism afterwards—a very poor second. Unless stringent measures are taken to cut short his career, the golfing “pot-hunter” threatens to become as notorious a personage as the modern rifleman. The man who does not care to play Golf for the sake of the game itself is a pitiable being, in all conscience; and yet he not only exists, but during the past few years he has multiplied in an alarming degree. He is now to be found in almost every club which countenances prize competitions of the butter-cooler and electro-plated cruet-stand order. Golf clubs possessed of considerable funds might surely devise some more sportsmanlike, not to say dignified, means of getting rid of their money than pandering to the covetous instinct of the pot-hunter. In saying this, it is not in the least intended to decry all prize competitions. By no means; cups and medals competed for at given periods, the winner taking some permanent memento of his victory in the form, say, of a gold charm, are wholly unobjectionable, and may be credited with lending a healthy stimulus to the game. But when we get down as low as coal-scuttles and egg-boilers (which, I observe, figured in the prize list of an Edinburgh “tournament,” reported some time ago in GOLF), surely the time has come to call a halt. The coal-scuttle and egg-boiler policy is not calculated to promote the best interests of Golf as a manly and healthful game. Already its demoralising effects are plainly visible. It has brought into existence a type of golfers whose sole object in life appears to be to secure as many of the articles above indicated as possible. For him a round of the links in a friendly game is totally destitute of pleasure. When he does play—just to keep his hand from losing its cunning—he goes about it in a perfunctory listless way that offers a strange contrast to the business-like air which marks his style when with each succeeding long putt he feels the alluring egg-boiler to be well within his grasp. To do him justice, the “pot-hunter” makes no secret of his little game. He has been known frankly to admit that he can never show to advantage unless there is “something on.”

In thus condemning what, in the opinion of one who has been an ardent lover of Golf for upwards of twenty years, is a growing evil, tending to bring a delightful pastime into contempt and disrepute, I am tolerably certain to bring a hornet's nest about my ears. On the other hand, however, I am equally assured that there are many good and true golfers who will be at one with me in thinking that club managers cannot too soon set about arranging their competitions in such form as will convince the butter cooler brigade that their occupation is gone. Such a procedure can have no effect other than that of imparting a healthier and more elevating tone to the Royal and Ancient game.

THE CHIEL.

## Review.

GOLF IN THE YEAR 2,000, OR WHAT WE ARE COMING TO.

By J. A. C. K. London: T. Fisher Unwin. 1s. 6d.

We have no wish to be unnecessarily harsh in our estimate of this book by J. A. C. K., for whose excursion into literary pastures, as he tells us in the preface, himself shall hardly account, still, candour compels the admission that J. A. C. K., if the unpleasant pleasantries be allowed to pass, is not exactly a “ripper” in the arts and graces of authorship. His book in some ways challenges comparison with “The Coming Race,” not altogether to the disadvantage of the latter. Like Rip Van Winkle, the narrator falls into a trance, and sleeps for a hundred and eight years, at the end of which time he awakes to find, not unnaturally, that he and his surroundings have “suffered a sea change.” He comes to, so to speak, in the house of Mr. Adams, C.I.G.C., which mystic initials are interpreted as signifying “Chief Inspector of Golf Clubs”; by the time the reader has arrived at this point, he will be inclined to wish that that functionary could have combined with his office that of Chief Inspector of Grammatical Construction. But now several wonderful things happen; shaving has been improved out of existence, in lieu thereof a magical depilatory removes the beard by a touch; when dinner time arrives the table is found to be “made of three concentric circular pieces, and the middle one sank down through the floor, leaving intact the outer one, which formed the edge of the complete table;” “the dumb waiter portion reappeared, bearing two plates of soup on it.” There are coloured photographs, almost endowed, as it seemed, with life; there are arrangements of mirrors electrically connected, by means of which one can sit and watch a play acted in London, without the trouble of going there; in short the house is “replete with every convenience and luxury” which a highly advanced stage of scientific knowledge can suggest. The Chief Inspector when the time arrives for serious business, gives his guest the choice of a green on which to have a match: “They are all equally convenient, from Thurso to Penzance; if you cared, we could even play a round on both of the greens I have mentioned.” So by means of an electric tubular railway, they find themselves at St. Andrews almost before they have time to wink. Arrived there, it is necessary to procure a set of clubs, and a golfing coat, this latter a garment which subsequently develops unexpected, not to say alarming qualities. The starting is managed by phonograph, in conjunction with a board outside the window, on which board every man's name appears when his turn arrives. It is satisfactory to find that a due sense of order and decorum prevails; in fact, no one is at the tee but the opponent. The vagrom schoolboy, if under the age of fifteen, has no place in this economy, nor are there any caddies—none in the flesh, that is to say. As substitutes there are perpendicular rods about four feet high, weighted at the foot and hung upon wheels, the magnetic qualities of the employer's golfing jacket serving to keep them in tow, at a respectful distance of twelve feet. The clubs have advanced with the age, and are fitted with a dial apparatus for automatically registering every shot played, for there is a competition every day, and “we have got handicapping as near perfection as possible, for we have a record of every round a man plays, and by taking his average from day to day and from week to week, we soon arrive at his right figure.” Another automatic apparatus registers the length of every carry; the thickness of grip can be altered at will in a moment, and the shape of the clubs, all made of steel in one piece, is such that they can be used either right or left-handed. The niblick is a work of genius; when swung over the shoulder its queerly-shaped double head begins to revolve on its own account with exceeding velocity, like a paddle-wheel, only faster, and ejects out of the bunker clouds of sand sufficient to keep “Old Tom's” greens going for a twelvemonth. Moreover, the golfing jacket shouts “Fore” every time a drive is made, to the detriment, until one becomes habituated to it, both of the stroke and of the temper—all which is excellent fooling, and this chapter one of the best in the book. But, scientifically speaking, the author goes astray as to his balls in the year 2,000, in the centre of which he arranges for a chamber of compressed air, outside that a rim



a quarter-of-an-inch in thickness, made of some hard substance like gutta-percha, then the shell, constructed of oblong little blocks fixed to the inside layer by springs, four to every square, crossing each other. If physical laws in the year 2,000 happen to be the same as those now in force, the effect produced by striking such a ball would undoubtedly be startling, though what precise results would actually ensue it would puzzle the most erudite natural philosopher to predict. One thing is certain—one would prefer oneself to use the "old-fashioned gutta," leaving the new invention to the enemy, all the more if there was wagering to any considerable extent on the match. A better idea than this is the arrangement of mirrors, by means of which the progress of a match may be watched, say in London, or wherever a connection by wire exists. By this device the spectator may, and indeed does, witness an International match played in America between the American and Scottish champions. By putting a shilling in the slot admittance is gained to a large hall in Oxford-street, seated for five or six thousand persons, all of whom watch the match (described in some detail) with hearty interest and rapturous applause. In these happy times there is to be no war, for beneficent science will have supplied mankind with such diabolical inventions that one explosive stinkpot will scatter destruction broadcast for miles; thus the sword is turned into the ploughshare, and the spear into the pruning-hook, or rather into the multifarious implements adapted to the ancient game. Hence in all squabbles the arbitration is by Golf; the fate of an empire hangs on a bad lie (one had hoped these might have been abolished), and Britain chortles in its joy when it sees a Frenchman miss a short putt at Pau. Women will have taken their places as demanded by the "shrieking sisterhood;" they do all the work of the world, and are never seen upon the links—for which concession let us be duly grateful.

From internal evidence it is abundantly clear that this book is not written by an Englishman, the "woulds" and the "wills" make their irritating appearance in every place where they should not, with absolutely unerring precision. Of literary style there appears not the remotest trace, which is the less surprising if one takes account of the circumstance that within these covers grammatical rules manifest such close affinities with the promises and pie-crusts of Swift's proverb. To the consideration of the reflective may be submitted the following:—"I got almost to know it, at least I thought I did, and one night I thought I'd show how clever I was, and stood up when I thought they'd begun it; but it wasn't, so as I didn't like to sit down again I took my hat and went off." "The walls of the room were the same as the hall, only the colour was a dark bronze." "I will be very happy, but I must get into form first." "In the first place I would like this removed." "Twas we first began to give Golf its proper position." But even as Mr. Bellairs, in "The Wrecker," had some good in him, so also is this book not wholly evil, as when, for instance, it was proposed to raise the old fellow's handicap; "*Just leave it alone, he's a gay guid coonter.*" Not without a touch of humour does the author allow his imagination free play in dealing with the future of the game, when match play shall have been almost improved out of existence, and the self-acting putter does everything short of telling you the line of your putt. The pity of it is that the ideas are clothed in such slip-shod English, grating on one at every turn, itself sufficient to mar the effect of the whole, however rich the imagination, or amusingly extravagant the general conception.

A pleasantly written article on "Golf on Wimbledon Common" appeared this week in the *Daily News*. But the author has not been at pains to master the elementary technicalities of the sport which he undertakes to discuss. For example, he talks of the unwary spectator, greeted with indignant shouts of "Fire! fire!" and the pride taken by the members of the club in keeping the "goals" perfect. This is the sort of thing calculated to make Caledonia decidedly "wild."

The Formby Golf Club, Lancashire, have made arrangements with Messrs. D. McEwan and Son, of Musselburgh, to keep a club-maker, and also a first-class player always on the green.

### ANNUS MIRABILIS.

For some years past, I have been unable to ascertain the cause of the great scarcity of larks and swallows. I am glad to say, however, that this scarcity can now in a great measure be satisfactorily accounted for, as statistics relative to the fatality among the little choristers of the air are published; and they must be true, for they appear in our own valuable little paper, GOLF. I observe that at the time these statistics were published there were three times the number of larks killed with Golf-balls than swallows. This, however, is not so much to be surprised at when we take into consideration the aptitude of the last-named bird for "jinking," owing to their continual practice in search of food, whereas the lark is a little innocent, which remains stationary and suspended on its tiny pinions far up in the heavens, singing down to the cruel golfer who is so deadly in his aim, "I am a target, fire at me!"

Notwithstanding the great facility offered to the marksman, it is certainly very clever work to bring down a bird with a Golf-ball from such a height, especially, when the performer states his intention of doing so beforehand! No doubt we live in a wonderful age. Had our great forebears been told that in the future sportsmen would use clubs instead of guns for a "chaste and elegant general slaughter" of birds, they would have laughed us to scorn. Even had they lived to see this development of shooting, they would have said with us, "these new-fangled notions may do for some people; the new mode may be the cheaper and more accurate, but there are pleasant associations about the gun; the smell o' the poother nae doot, and sic like, that endears sport as it used to be to our memories."

Sometimes I think, even with regard to the ancient game of Golf, that there is not much room for improvement in the old style of game. We hear of new clubs which please us much, but in the long run the play remains much about the same. Take the "bulger," for example. Any man of a scientific turn of mind may see at a glance that it cannot do otherwise than drive a ball straight. At first sight I thought the bulger a strange looking fish, until I examined his head. But give me a good driver, properly balanced, with the spring in its proper place, and a proper man at the proper end of it, in preference to the new club. Take, as another example, the "Pendulum Putter," a very clever adaptation indeed. But you must excuse me. I and many other golfers have old-fashioned notions, and we are apt to think that these clubs alter the appearance of the game too much, causing the operator to seem as if he were taking engineering observations, instead of putting. We would rather have the old putter yet. But let busy heads go on improving and inventing; the new clubs may all come in handy for the rising generation.

I like to meet with good golfers. I met a first-class one the other evening—I know this is correct, for he told me so himself. He told me that he had killed a lark some years ago, which certainly was deserving of great credit, as lark-shooting upon the new improved principles was only in its infancy then. I do not like to hear a sportsman boasting; however, I showed him the statistics in GOLF. I even called and saw him the following week, and I thought I was going to take him by surprise, by showing that one sportsman had killed a lark with a club itself, and without even seeing the bird; but perhaps he thought it was only a lark, for he wouldn't swallow it. But he is not to be outdone, and my friend freely stated to me his intention of visiting the moors on the 12th of August, with his new ornithological annihilating bulger, or patent lofting iron.

R. J. B. T.

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It is said, *apropos* of Lord Low's decision in the Gullane case, commented upon last week, that local golfers are rather glad than otherwise at the result of the exclusion of the general public from the green. If this be so, then it is a pity they should have allowed the hat to go round among southern golfers in order to test the right of golf-playing on the part of the general public in the courts of law. It was understood by those who subscribed that the case was to be fought out on behalf of golfers everywhere, and that the policy of dog-in-the-manger was to have no acceptance. This view, however, appears to have been very wide of the mark. It is rumoured that a secret gladness pervades local golfing circles at the decision of Gullane's privacy, and what is now contemplated is the creation of a nice private green for a select handful of golfers. The lesson will not be lost when next the hat is sent round for a so-called public golfing object.

At a meeting of the Cambridge University Golf Club, held within the new club-house on Wednesday, October 19th, the following officers were elected for the year:—Mr. C. Pigg, St. Peter's, president; Mr. John L. Low, Clare, captain; Mr. W. T. Linskill, hon. sec.; Mr. R. C. Burrows, treasurer. Committee:—Mr. A. M. Chance, Trinity; Mr. C. E. Hambro, Trinity; Mr. H. Parker, Trinity Hall; Mr. E. C. P. Boyd, Trinity; Mr. P. Latham, Pembroke; Mr. A. Baker, Clare; Mr. C. C. Bethune, Jesus.

On Saturday, the 29th inst., a competition, open to members of all recognised Golf clubs, will be held over the course of the Royal Dublin Golf Club. The Great Northern Railway, the Dublin and Glasgow Steamship Company, and the Laird Line have very kindly consented to issue return tickets to competitors at single fares.

At the close of the autumn competition of the Bruntsfield Links Golf Club at Musselburgh on the 18th inst., a meeting of the members was held in the club-house to discuss a proposal suggested by one of their number for the acquisition of a private green near Edinburgh. The proceedings, which were conducted in private, were, it is understood, of an informal kind, but after some conversation, a small committee was appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the scheme, with instructions to confer with the officials of other clubs and report to the council at an early date.

The news of the death of Dr. Sanderson, of Musselburgh, will carry sadness with it into many parts of the world whither his numerous friends have become scattered with years. Dr. Alexander Macdonald Sanderson, J.P., died at his house, Bridge Street, Musselburgh, last week, after a severe illness extending over three months. He was the third son of the late Dr. Henry Sanderson, R.N., was educated at Musselburgh Grammar School and in Germany, and was admitted a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, in 1852. Thereafter he began practice in Musselburgh. On the death of his father he succeeded to an extensive practice, which he continued till his last illness. In 1867 he was appointed Medical

Officer of Health for the burgh. He was also medical officer to the Parochial Board of Inveresk, and to the Inveresk Combination Poorhouse. He was Surgeon-Major in the Mid-Lothian Coast Artillery Volunteers, and chairman of the Musselburgh Gas-light Company. Dr. Sanderson was sixty-six years of age, and is survived by his wife, a son, and daughter.

Dr. Sanderson might be called a hereditary doctor, for his father was a doctor in Musselburgh before him. His father had been a doctor in the Navy, and had in his later years settled down here. Dr. Sanderson was a very keen sportsman, and in early life he followed the horn and hounds like a very Nimrod, and many was the time he was in at "the death." But the fox-hunting in the Lothians practically ceased some years ago, when Mr. James Hope gave up the mastership of the hunt. Of his ardent love of Golf no frequenter of the Musselburgh links needs to be told. He was the very life and soul of the Honourable Company of Golfers, and his familiar figure will be long and sadly missed from the Musselburgh course, where his breezy presence was so much enjoyed by every one. He was not a crack hand with the driver, but he was deadly on the green, and his long putts were excellent. When he got within range of the hole he was always there or thereabouts. He was one of those who do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame. Of all the vast assemblage of sincere mourners—doctors, clergymen, golfers, and others—who followed his remains to the grave, there was no one more sincere in his sorrow than the doctor's old servant, Bob Hilston. This poor old fellow—Little Bob, as he is generally called—was for many a long year the doctor's stableman, but after he became through sheer old age unfit for that work, he was kept on as a pensioner, and his principal task—a task which he could delegate to no one else—was to act as the doctor's caddie on the links, where his figure was as well known as that of the doctor himself.

Here is a good story of a tennis tournament. One young lady not being up to time, the secretary sent a verbal message to her house to inform her that if she did not come at once he should "scratch" her. The maid, horrified at the want of courtesy in the use of the term she did not understand, endeavoured to soften the message by delivering it, "Please, miss, Mr. Jones says, if you do not come at once he will pinch you!"

All the principal professionals who have been invited to take part in the Lytham and St. Anne's tournament on the 29th inst. have agreed to travel to Lancashire to compete for the £86 of prize-money. For the amateur prizes there is also a strong field of the cracks, including Messrs. H. H. Hilton, the open champion; John Ball, the amateur champion; F. A. Fairlie, W. E. Fairlie, A. Stuart, Edward Blackwell, Ernley Blackwell, C. Hutchings, C. E. Dick, H. J. Scott, and H. Farrar.

#### MESSRS. GRAY AND SONS' GOLF CLUBS.

With the increase of Golf playing it was only to be expected that a proportionate increase in the number of Golf-club makers would take place, particularly in England. Messrs. H. J. Gray and Sons, Cambridge, the well-known makers of athletic implements, have for some time been paying serious attention to the making of Golf-clubs and balls, and this department has been added to their business. As makers of lawn tennis racquets, cricket bats, fives bats, and other athletic material, they have long been known among the University players, the late Duke of Clarence, the Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, the Hon. Ivo Blyth, and many other leading players in the various departments having willingly testified to be excellence of Messrs. Gray's material. First rate Golf-club makers from Scotland have been engaged, and Golf-clubs are being turned out which for shape and excellence of workmanship cannot be surpassed. We have recently had the pleasure of testing some of their clubs, and it is impossible to speak too highly of them. The hickory shafts are beautifully finished, and the modelling of the heads shows that they have been done by makers trained in the best schools of St. Andrews and Musselburgh.





### QUESTIONS ON THE RULES.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I should feel obliged by your giving your opinion upon the following point, which arose in the course of the match for the final tie for the president's cup.

The green at the third hole is on the punch-bowl system, *i.e.*, it is surrounded on three sides by a bank, which rises at an obtuse angle from the level. The top of the bank, which is about seven feet high, is occupied by a hedge with thick undergrowth, the bank itself being turfed, with here and there a few patches of fern. It is the custom of those who know the green to play their approach shots on to this bank in order that the ball may trickle back to the hole.

By-law 3 of the local rules states:—"A ball may be lifted and dropped without penalty if it lies in a rabbit-hole which is situated in the course."

Player A, playing his fourth shot, put his ball on to the bank, but, instead of trickling down, it remained to all appearance stuck in some fern. On reaching the spot it was discovered that it had gone down a rabbit-hole. The caddie put in his hand and recovered it. Player B was about two club-lengths from the hole in 7. I omitted to mention that a ball struck over the hedge in question is out of bounds, and is counted as lost, but that if it lies on the hedge it may be played. It was impossible to stand on the bank in such a manner as to place the rabbit-hole between the player and the flag; to have dropped it on the hedge would have been to have bunkered or lost it. The rabbit-hole in question was about ten yards from the flag.

There being no rule or by-law which directly applies to the case, all the data of which I think I have given, I should be much obliged if you would state where in your opinion the equity lies. Player B is of opinion that he is entitled to the hole, player A contending that there should be no penalty whatever, especially having regard to by-law 3 of the local rules.

There is another point upon which I should be glad to be enlightened. On some greens, Littlestone, for instance, there is a system of reducing the difference between handicap allowances in match play by one-fourth in the case of singles, and five-eighths of the aggregates in foursomes. Is this system general, and what is its *rationale*? Would it apply to a handicap specially issued for a competition to be played by holes for a particular prize, or is it meant to apply only to the differences between the "stock" handicaps? Apologising for troubling you with this long communication,

I am, Sir, &c.,

L. B. L.

[(1.) As the local rule provides that a ball may be lifted out of a rabbit-hole on the course without penalty, it stands to reason that this may more fitly be done on the putting-green, where no hazards of any kind ought to exist. As the hedge prevented the player from dropping behind the rabbit-hole, the equity of the case would be met by his going a couple of club-lengths to the side of the rabbit-hole furthest from the flag, and dropping without penalty. In view of the local rule, B. certainly could not claim the hole. (2.) This system, modified so as to suit the length, hazards, and general playing character of the green, is general in handicap match play. The proportions are not always the

same, because owing to the "casiness" of some greens the difference is sometimes less than three-fourths; but the modifications are made by the local committee, in order to equalise play according to the length and variety of the Golf course. The *rationale* of the system is to make the play in handicap hole competitions as equal as possible between all classes of players; that is to say, that a scratch player should not be overweighted in a hole match by having to give a high handicap player more than a certain allocated number of strokes on the round, these strokes falling due automatically at certain holes (long, medium, or short), according to a table of strokes and holes fixed by the local committee. It would apply to a special hole competition for a particular prize, and this is the system followed in "Bogey" tournaments. Our correspondent will find a good deal of interesting matter on handicapping in previous volumes of GOLF.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In a medal competition a player is deserted by his partner, or his partner does not turn up.

May this player be scored for by one of the competitors who has completed his round and who does not play, acting merely as scorer; or may a member of the same club, not entered for the competition, act as scorer in the same way, the competitor playing alone?

I have had to deal with two cases of desertion lately, and in one case the player of his last nine holes without a competitor, but with a scorer who had competed, sent in a winning card.

Will you kindly clear up this point for one of the much worked and worried officials.

I am, Sir, &c.,

AN HON. SEC.

[(1.) Yes, certainly. The point to provide for is that all scores should be duly authenticated by members of the club having an interest in seeing that the play throughout the competition is a true record. This can best be done of course by players competing for the same prizes, checking each other's scores and manner of observing the playing rules; but no valid objection can be raised to a player who has already completed his scoring round acting as scorer for a competitor who cannot find a partner or who has been stranded by the non-appearance of his opponent. (2.) The winning card is quite good if the scorer of the first nine holes and the scorer of the last nine holes, each sign their names to the card testifying to the secretary or the committee that the recorded score is a faithful transcript of the play. Of course, the card would be worthless unless the whole round of eighteen holes is vouched for. The committee could not accept a card in a case where a player played the first nine holes alone and unattended, and was then joined by a fellow-member who bore witness to the play in nine holes only. Nor would the committee be justified, unless in special circumstances, and previous permission received, in accepting a scoring card testified to by a stranger and non-member of the club.—ED.]

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—In playing a hole match, my opponent told my caddie to stand at the hole. The caddie was acting as fore caddie. When a ball is stopped by a fore caddie, it is a rub of the green, and no penalty attached to it. My opponent played a ball with great force, and struck the fore caddie and claimed the hole. Now is it the right game for your opponent to tell the caddie to stand at the hole, strike him, and claim the hole? See Rule 22.

I am, Sir, &c.,

THIRTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

[If it was agreed between the players that the caddie should be considered as acting in the capacity of fore caddie, of course the hole could not be claimed. If no arrangement of the kind was made, then technically our correspondent lost the hole, not under Rule 22, but under Rule 23. There is no need to comment on the sportsmanlike spirit of the player who claims the hole in the circumstances described by our correspondent; that speaks eloquently for itself.—ED.]

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## COUNTY GOLF.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—What I meant to say in my letter of October 13th was this: Surrey, with Douglas Rolland (Limpsfield), Tom Dunn (Tooting), Pinkerton and Hunter (Guildford), Mr. S. Mure-Fergusson, Mr. N. R. Foster and others, would make a hot amalgamation. Middlesex, with Mr. A. Molesworth, Mr. W. L. Purves, Mr. J. R. Hutchison, Mr. J. Duncan, Mr. T. R. Pinkerton, Mr. A. Anderson, Mr. J. H. Mudie, and possibly a good professional or two from some of the London club-makers would make a steady lot.

I may as well mention that everybody I have spoken to as yet on the subject (both amateurs and professionals) have thought it a good idea, and that the matches must only be a matter of time.

I am Sir, &c.,  
A. L.

## SANDWICH MEDAL DAY.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I sat on the top of the Maiden studying "Buckland's Curiosities of Natural History." It was the autumn medal day. As the Golfers trooped up, couple after couple, I riveted my lognette on the tee, and watched with considerable interest and amusement the various antics and attitudes and bad attempts which attended some of the play. I expect a good many said, "Oh, my! if I only had wings and could fly!" Here they come gradually filing up until they disappear, having comfortably or uncomfortably unravelled the Maiden and are well on their way to the seventh hole. Let me see whom I can recognise? There is A. D. B., who seems always a winner here, but perhaps the "Knolley" and undulating character of the ground on some parts of the course suits this player. Who is this in scarlet coat, breeches, and top boots? Ah! I'm wrong I see; my thoughts were running off on hunting. It is not a scarlet, or perhaps it was once, and these are not breeches but knickerbockers, and not top boots but long spats and shoes. Thunder and turf! how long they take holing out? What can be the matter with them? Ah! I think I know that form full well. But who is this coming rolling up, and putting out, proceeds to drive? Why, of course, it is the genial A. C. A. His drives really give one quite the shivers (Chivas). Then the couples begin to file past too fast for me to follow well, but I recognise the slim and fairy form of "Plummy," S. M. F.,—W. C.,—cheery Leach, the ever-ready "Tyley," dear old "Skeeney," who, although he seems to have lost his hat, is always happy. And there is the young man with the eye-glass, always full of "Grief." Bobs, Billies, Willies, Captains and Colonels all gradually fade away. How's this? It's dark, I wake, I'm in the Bell, 'Tis but a dream.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
Sandwich. M. D.

## TO LADY GOLFERS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—I send you this little dedication to all lady golfers who will be kind enough to accept it.

"My dear Colonel,—You know I am pretty tough and elastic, but I am terribly hard hit just at present, and I want your advice. Do you think the ladies really like me? They patronise me a good deal now, and I am almost vain enough to think they do. But then, again, they are so changeable in their moods when I happen to be out on the links with them. The other day, for instance, I was nearly driven distracted by a wooden-headed chap named Driver, who kept swinging and dangling about with one of the girls I like best. I am almost sure I saw her gently squeeze his hand; not much, you know, but quite enough to make me feel jealous. Shortly after, as I was lying in the grass, another young lady came up, and I thought she said, 'I'll iron you' (this must have been ironical, of course, as she didn't), and directly afterwards spooned me

most winningly, and I sped on my way rejoicing; and when the one addressed me, so sweetly! oh so sweetly! as she approached me on the green, I felt I didn't care a hang for Driver or any other masher in the club. But (note their change of mood here) just as I was thinking of putting the momentous question in earnest, all of a sudden I felt myself put into a nasty dirty pot-hole close by. It luckily was not very deep, and only a little water in it; but I could not make it out. The cheers at my disappearance were tremendous. However, as I saw them all laughing, I made up my mind to treat it as a practical joke, and as they kindly lent me a hand out, and gave me a most delicious "tee" soon afterwards, I frankly forgave them, and spent a very pleasant evening. On looking at myself in the glass the next morning, I certainly looked a little chippy, but after a good tub was all right for a round. You will remember when I left Slazenger I was rather pale and white, but good air and exercise have made me as brown as a berry, and there is no doubt that a walk round the links with me does the young ladies a power of good. They make me travel a bit, I own, but I don't mind that when I see them all in such good health, good spirits, and good temper. I forgot to tell you that at tea the other night one young lady recited a little ode, which I write from memory, called—

## "A GOLF BALL.

"I am only a tiny, weeny thing,  
Health, Pleasure and Profit to many I bring.  
Not like common mortals, fashioned of clay,  
I am moulded in quite a different way.  
If driven distracted I soar in the air;  
I revisit earth when I can't stay up there.  
You may spoon me and iron me and mash me about;  
I am often put in—girls call it put out.  
I love a good drive and a nice, gentle breeze;  
I love pretty lassies, good lads, and nice tees."

"Write and tell me what you think of it all.

"Yours ever,

"ARTHUR GOLFBALL.

"Colonel Bogey,  
"Golf Hall, Linkshire."

## GOLF AT LEITH IN BYGONE DAYS.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—The following extract from an old article upon the more or less venerable port of Leith may interest some of your readers. It is a matter of regret to many that it is now too late to think of kicking the author.

"A favourite amusement, manly and healthful in its character, but liable to be adventitiously associated with some repulsive abuses, is the ancient game of Golf, played upon the links. A house for the special use of the golfers stands near the end of the eastern road, overlooking the play-ground (!!) Previous to the erection of this building a tavern on the west side of the Kirkgate was the favourite resort of many players after a bout of their amusement, and the scene of many an unbecoming revel. A number of lively, addle-headed, aged gentlemen, about the middle of the eighteenth century made golfing almost their sole enjoyment, and, although all upwards of seventy years of age, are declared by Smollet never to have gone to bed without swilling the larger part of a gallon of claret, Charles I., James VII., and many persons of distinction have golfed on Leith links; but the golfers—though doubtless with crowds of honourable exceptions—have so far associated their pastime with follies which are intrinsically quite foreign to it as to have made its resources for healthful exercise not quite compatible with nicety of moral or at least religious reputation."

Let us hope that every pious golfer will when next disposed to wet his whistle—whether in Gargantuan draughts such as Burns sang in his poem of that name, or in the humble nipperkin such as Father Mathew himself might have tossed off before breakfast without winking—not forget to breathe a kindly toast in memory of these jolly old Leith boys. But as to the graceless, if not actually ribald, perpetrator of the above, we shall merely say that if he have, as a deplorable fact, left descendants behind him to perpetuate his sanguinary fame, we

hope he, she, or they—or let us confine the malediction, perhaps, to our own sex—may break their best beloved bulgers, and come in twelve down to antagonists they loathe each and every day, till they be brought to repent in sackcloth and ashes the evil deeds of their malignant ancestor.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
W. D.

### THE RECORD SCORE FOR SCARBOROUGH.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SIR,—With reference to a letter from Scarborough which appeared in the last issue of GOLF, I shall be obliged if you will kindly publish the following statement:—

The writer states that Mr. R. Bird in September last, holed the round in 72, making a record for the links. I beg to contradict that statement, and to say that 72 is not the record for the links. I hold the record of the Scarborough links with the score of 69, made up as follows:—

Out ...	...	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4=35	} 69
In ...	...	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	4=34		

The above score I accomplished in August, 1891, playing with one of the members of the club. Thanking you for the space you have allowed me,

I am Sir, etc.,  
TOM CHISHOLM,  
Professional.

Chorleywood, Herts, October, 18th, 1892.

### SUNDAY GOLFING.

To the Editor of GOLF.

SUNDAY GOLFING.—*Land and Water* mentions that "many people think that the healthiest and sanest thing to do on Sunday afternoon is to take train for Barnes and play Golf on the magnificent meadows of the Ranelagh Club, now converted into links, the whole club having suddenly become enthusiastic about the game. On a recent Sunday the place was looking its very best. Perhaps twenty men were on the links, and there were ladies to welcome the victors to tea."

SIR,—In the *Daily Telegraph* of yesterday the foregoing paragraph appeared, which I have cut out to send to you, in the hope that you will give it all the publicity you can among golfers, by inserting it in your highly interesting paper.

I have, on several occasions, been surprised to see Golf played on Sunday on links on the South Coast, by persons who ought to know better, and who might be expected to set a better example; but I cannot believe that there are "many people" who think that golfing on Sunday is the "healthiest and sanest" thing to do! If so, they must pardon me for saying that they are not golfers of the right stamp, and I should doubt their Christianity.

I am sure our first-class players would not be seen playing on Sunday.

We have read much of late, in one of our leading newspapers, regarding our "National shame," and I do very earnestly hope that all golfers who have a regard for the Sabbath Day, will content themselves with the other six days of the week on which to play Golf, and not indulge in an amusement however healthy and "sane," which would probably lead to every other game being played on Sunday—which would indeed be a "National shame" of no ordinary magnitude.

I hope our golfing men, who are members of clubs and men of education, will set their faces, and use their influence, against the insinuating profanation, and save themselves and their sons and daughters, and all players of games, from indulging in exercise on the Sunday, which they do not require, and which will bring them no real and permanent happiness, no matter how agreeable the ladies may be who may be present "to welcome the victors to tea," owing to their mistaken views as to their duties on that day.

I am, Sir, &c.,  
A "SANE" GOLFER FOR FIFTY YEARS.

October 18th, 1892.



### ABERDEEN.

Low Scoring.—Mr. A. M'Connachie, of the Victoria Club here, while playing with Mr. Stalker round the nine-hole course on the town's links on Thursday, succeeded in going twice round at the low figure of 77, made up as follows:—First round—5 3 5 4 5 5 6 4 2=39; Second round—4 4 4 5 4 5 5 4 3=38; total, 77.

The final competition for the Davidson cup, which was presented to the Aberdeen Club last November by Mr. John Davidson, of Mugie-moss, was played off on Saturday over the Balgownie course. There were twelve winners, but only eleven started, these being partnered by ballot, and two rounds of the course had to be played to decide the destination of the cup. The weather was very unfavourable, a strong northerly gale prevailing during the whole time of play, and late in the afternoon heavy showers of rain and sleet fell, the conditions being altogether against low scoring. The following was the result of the draw:—Mr. J. M. Duncan, 6; Mr. W. R. Reid, 6; Mr. W. F. Orr, 0; Mr. D. Littlejohn, 6; Mr. J. B. Craigie, 4; Mr. T. Todd, 4; Mr. J. D. Anderson, 10; Mr. W. C. H. Jopp, 5; Mr. James Williams, 6; Mr. C. S. Gordon, 14; Mr. D. R. Milne, 14; Mr. B. S. M'Lellan, 4.

The following was found to be the result of the competition:—

	1st Round.	2nd Round.	Hcp.	Total.
*Mr. D. Littlejohn ...	95	95	12	178
Mr. W. C. H. Jopp ...	98	96	12	182
Mr. W. E. Orr ...	91	93	scr.	184

\* Winner.

The annual meeting of the Bon-Accord Club was held in the club-room on Saturday night, Mr. Alexander Kynoch, captain presiding. The secretary read an exhaustive and excellent report of the various competitions held during the year, and the treasurer reported very favourably as to the club's financial position. The prizes won by the various members were then presented to them by Mr. Kynoch, the "Blue Ribbon"—the challenge-cup—going again to Mr. William Smart. The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—Captain, Mr. John Twigg; secretary, Mr. David Thomson; treasurer, Mr. James Cameron; members of council, Messrs. W. Smart, James Florence, and Henry Glass. Votes of thanks were enthusiastically passed to the retiring office-bearers and members of council, which finished all the business of public interest.

Office-bearers have been elected by the Buckie Club for the ensuing year as follows:—Patron, Mr. W. G. Bryson, of Strathlene; president, Mr. J. P. Gordon, of Cairnfield; vice-president, Mr. James Wilson, Aradoul; captain, Mr. John Macdonald; vice-captain, Mr. T. J. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. John L. M'Naughton, solicitor.

### ASCOT LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

October 13th, mid-monthly competition.

	Gross Hcp. Net.		Gross Hcp. Net.
Miss L. Mott ...	71 18 53	Hon. E. Milman ...	82 13 69
Miss Price ...	82 24 58	Miss E. K. Pott ...	80 not hcpd.
Baroness Berkeley	85 24 61		

Also played, Miss Bowring, Miss C. Frankland, Miss Hanbury, Miss L. Chetwynd.

### BRUNTSFIELD LINKS GOLF CLUB.

The autumn general meeting of the Bruntsfield Links Golf Club was held on the 18th at Musselburgh, when there was a good turn-out of members. At the business meeting which was held in the club-house in the morning, Mr. W. B. Glen was elected captain, Mr. James Gibson, secretary, and Mr. John M'Glashan, treasurer. The council was elected as follows:—Messrs. R. Younger, J. Pringle, J. Kennedy, J. Mason, and the medal holder. The treasurer reported that the finances of the club were in a satisfactory condition. The members afterwards adjourned to the links to play for the Cairns medal, the



Hay medal, and other prizes. The first of these is a scratch award, the others being competed for under handicap. About twenty couples entered for the competition, and as these included some of the best players in the club, some respectable scoring was secured. A large proportion of the cards, however, were not returned. The winner of the scratch medal was Mr. John Taylor, who, it is worthy of note, achieved the same success both last year, when he scored 89, and the year before, when he finished in 91. The following are the details of his score:—First round, 6 5 5 4 5 4 4 5 3—41; Second round, 4 6 6 4 6 5 3 4 3—41; total, 82. The best handicap score was that of Mr. John Shaw, 93, less 14=79, who thus carried off the Hay medal. The winner last year was Mr. William Paxton, with 103, less 16=87. The following is the list of the principal scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. J. Shaw ...	93	14	79	Mr. W. Phillips ...	102	10	92
Mr. R. L. MacDon-				Mr. W. Lees ...	100	7	93
ald ...	87	6	81	Mr. H. Armour ...	112	18	94
Mr. J. Taylor ...	82	+4	86	Mr. J. M'Glashan...	100	6	94
Mr. J. W. Macgregor	102	16	86	Mr. G. Morrison ...	111	16	95
Mr. T. T. Gray ...	88	scr.	88	Mr. W. B. Glen ...	101	4	97
Mr. J. Kirkhope, jun.	100	12	88	Mr. J. Kennedy ...	117	18	99
Mr. T. Miller ...	103	12	91	Mr. C. N. Cowper.	107	8	99

The hole-and-hole tournament of the Bruntfield club, which has been taking place at Musselburgh during the summer, has now been decided, the winner being Mr. C. D. Rutherford, and the second prize going to Mr. John Cochrane. Mr. Rutherford will thus retain the monthly challenge cup for a year.

BUXTON AND HIGH PEAK GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, the final competition took place for the monthly medal, which was won by Colonel Fernley. Next Saturday, the 29th inst., the respective winners of this monthly medal play for a five-guinea cup presented by the club. The scores in last Saturday's competition were poor, and eight players made no returns; this is to be partly accounted for by the fact that at 9 o'clock in the morning the course was covered with snow, so that putting on the greens was exceedingly difficult:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Colonel Fernley ...	111	18	93	Mr. J. H. Knowles	134	30	104
Mr. E. Micholls ...	106	10	96	Mr. C. Coventry ...	120	15	105
Mr. E. Bythway ...	114	18	96	Mr. J. J. Yates ...	117	10	107
Mr. T. Coventry ...	119	18	101				

DIDSBURY GOLF CLUB.

A ladies' competition, mixed foursomes, was held on Saturday, the 24th. It was won somewhat easily by Miss J. Beith and Miss R. G. Adamson with the good net score of 48. The following cards were handed in:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Miss J. Beith and Mr. R. G. Adamson ...	63	15	48
Mrs. Foster and Mr. H. R. Coubrough ...	69	9	60
Mrs. H. R. Coubrough and Mr. Galbraith	77	16	61
Miss Holt and Mr. J. G. Fleming ..	78	16	62
Mrs. Gallie and Mr. F. M. Godde-Smith	65	scr.	65
Mrs. Nuttall and Mr. F. Pattison ...	81	15	66
Miss Threfall and Mr. W. W. M. Allen	83	16	67
Mrs. Godde-Smith and Mr. Gallie ...	79	10	69
Mrs. Boyd and Mr. W. H. Young ...	82	13	69

Mrs. Foster took the second and Mrs. H. R. Coubrough the third prizes.

DURHAM GOLF CLUB.

The final between the previous winners in the nine monthly competitions for the possession of the Osborn cup was played at Pinkerknowle, on Wednesday, October 19th. The afternoon was fine, although the course was very heavy in consequence of the recent rains. Mr. E. S. Robson handed in the best card, but being the donor of the cup he had previously intimated, in the event of his proving the winner, that it should go to the second player. This position was held by the Rev. A. Robertson, who just succeeded in beating Mr. F. W. Cluff by 1 stroke. His victory was very popular, as no one has worked harder than himself in trying to overcome the intricacies of the game. This meeting concluded the season of the club, as far as competitions go, until next spring, when the new course of nine holes will be opened by an open amateur competition under handicap. Result:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. E. S. Robson ...	97	3	94	Mr. H. E. Ferens...	116	14	102
Rev. A. Robertson...	113	16	97	Dr. Treadwell ...	102	+3	105
Mr. F. W. Cluff ...	113	15	98				

Mr. O. B. Cluff retired. Messrs. C. Fogg Elliot, G. B. Randolph and H. W. Roberts were unavoidably absent.

CHESTER GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting was held on 12th, 13th, and 15th October, during miserable weather. The result of the late gale had left its mark on the links, many of the greens, which are noted for their excellence, being spoilt for accurate play by the sand and rain; consequently many players failed to complete their rounds, or did not return their cards, especially so on Saturday. A return match had been arranged for 14th October against the Carnarvonshire Golf Club, unfortunately they were unable to keep the engagement. Mr. Ball's score of 76, plus 6=82 on the Saturday, considering the downpour of rain and state of the ground is a remarkably good one.

Wednesday, October 12th. Club "Bogey" handicap:—Rev. F. B. Pinhorn, 4 down, first prize and first sweepstake; Mr. W. Hayes, 5 down; Mr. Lyon Campbell, 5 down; Mr. D. Dobie, 5 down; Mr. H. Tolle-mache, 6 down; Mr. J. G. Frost, 6 down; Mr. R. T. Richardson, 7 down; Capt. Stratton, 8 down; Mr. J. H. Massie, 9 down; Mr. H. Prince, 10 down; Mr. N. Norris, 10 down; Mr. F. W. Hayes 11 down; Mr. C. B. Toller, 11 down; Mr. F. L. Hancock, 11 down; Captain Drummond, 12 down; Mr. F. Evans, 13 down; Captain Young, 13 down.

Thursday, October 13th, open competition:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. E. H. Lloyd...	112	27	85	Rev. F. B. Pinhorn	115	20	95
*Mr. H. Tolle-mache	107	22	85	Mr. G. H. Reynolds	102	5	97
†Mr. J. M. Frost ...	118	30	88	Mr. Lyon Campbell	117	18	99
‡\$Mr. J. Ball, jun.	84	+6	90	Capt. Drummond ...	120	16	104
‡‡Mr. D. Ball ...	92	2	90	Mr. F. L. Hancock	135	30	105
Mr. Woodhouse ...	118	27	91	Mr. D. Dobie ...	125	20	105
Mr. W. Hayes ...	108	16	92	Capt. Young ...	128	22	106
Mr. J. G. Frost ...	123	30	93				

\* The tie for the first and second prizes and sweepstake were played off the following day, when Mr. Lloyd won.

† Third prize and sweep.

‡ Divide fourth sweep.

‡‡ Gold medal for best scratch score.

|| Bronze medal for second best scratch score.

Saturday, October 15th, open competition. Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*†Mr. J. Ball, Jun.	76	+6	82	Mr. Lyon Campbell	119	18	101
†Mr. C. H. Smith...	102	20	82	Mr. R. T. Richardson	130	27	103
‡Capt. Chamier ...	102	16	86	Mr. E. H. Lloyd ...	130	24	106
‡‡Mr. H. H. Hilton	81	+6	87	Rev. F. B. Pinhorn	125	18	107
Mr. G. H. Reynolds	95	5	90	Mr. D. Dobie ...	134	20	114
Mr. E. H. Porter ...	105	14	91	Mr. N. Norris ...	146	30	116
Mr. D. Ball ...	97	2	95	Mr. C. B. Toller ...	142	25	117
Mr. F. W. Hayes...	100	4	96	Mr. E. W. Sweten-			
Mr. J. M. Frost ...	128	30	98	ham ...	142	20	122

\* Gold medal for best scratch score.

† Divided the first and second prize and sweepstakes.

‡ Third sweepstake.

‡‡ Fourth sweepstake and bronze medal for second best scratch score.

EDINBURGH BURGESS GOLFING SOCIETY.

The autumn gold medal competition in connection with the Edinburgh Burgess Golfing Society was held over Musselburgh links on Thursday, October 20th. The weather was perfect, and the condition of the course was satisfactory, the only trying feature being a slight dullness on the greens. About twenty-five couples started, among whom were Messrs. A. M. Ross, H. B. Ferrier, John Williamson, Gregor M'Gregor, etc. Among the first cards for the first round were those of Messrs. Ross and M'Gregor, who played together. Mr. Ross's form was pretty steady. Bunkering at the second hole, from which he recovered skilfully, he played in grand style to the home hole, where, with a drawn cleek shot, he landed in rough territory, and needed other 3 to hole out, thus increasing what seemed an easy 40 to a narrow 41. His partner was defective in his approach play, and repeatedly went off the line, paying the penalty of one stroke on each of these occasions. He finished in 43 with a bad 7 at the Table. In the second round Mr. M'Gregor fell off very much, but Mr. Ross played even more unerringly, and got home in 40. Detailed card.—First round—5 6 5 3 5 5 4 4 4=41; Second round—4 6 5 3 5 5 4 4 4=40; total, 81. The next players to whom attention was directed were Messrs. J. Williamson and H. B. Ferrier, who each did the first round in 43. Mr. A. M. Ross was returned winner of the scratch medal. Best scores:—Messrs. W. Thomson, 94, less 10=84; A. M. Ross, 81, plus 4=85; R. Kay, 93, less 8, 85; R. S. Day, 99, less 14=85; A. Hodge, 103, less 16=87; H. B. Ferrier, 88, scratch; R. James, 92, less 4=88; A. B. Doughty, 96, less 8=88; J. F. Cockburn, 103, less 14=89; K. Watson, 96, less 6=90; Gregor M'Gregor, 89, plus 2=91; J. Campbell, 101, less 8=93; J. Williamson, 92, plus 2=94; T. Aitken, 96, less 2=94; A. Stevens, 100, less 6=94; J. P. Omand, 111, less

16=95; A. Gray, 100, less 4=96; J. Watson, 113, less 14=99; C. Taylor, 94, scratch; T. S. Kay, 102, less 6=96; Dr. Millard, 114, less 18=96. A hole-and-hole tournament played during the summer has resulted as follows:—1st, Mr. H. B. Ferrier; 2nd, Mr. J. M. Williamson; 3rd, Mr. A. Hodge; 4th, Mr. J. C. Campbell; 5th, Mr. R. Kay and Mr. J. A. Hawkins; 7th, Mr. W. Thomson; 8th, Mr. J. Sclater.

#### ELTHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting was held on Saturday last. Eighty members competed, and the meeting was a great success. At a general meeting, held in the afternoon, the Hon. Algernon H. Grosvenor was elected the first president, and Mr. Evan M. Protheroe the first captain of the club.

In the evening sixty members sat down to dinner in the magnificent drawing-room of the old mansion house, which serves as the clubhouse. Mr. Evan M. Protheroe, the captain, presided, being supported by Mr. W. C. Anderson, Mr. John Dun, Mr. Turner, and others. In proposing "Success to the Eltham Golf Club," the captain remarked that the members were housed in a building which had served as a royal palace three hundred years ago. Though the club might be described as the "Benjamin" of Golf clubs, it was in a vigorous condition, upwards of two hundred and eighty members having been enrolled in the short space of time since its formation in the spring. Mr. John Dun, a well-known golfer at Hoylelake and St Andrews, responded for "Golf and kindred societies"; and in the course of his speech he pointed out that, not only had Englishmen enthusiastically adopted the game, but that they had adorned it in the persons of Messrs. Ball and Hilton. The evening was enlivened by some capital singing on the part of Messrs. J. H. and R. H. Hedderwick and Mr. Turner.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Capt. J. C. Tattersall	106 7 99	Mr. C. Lethbridge	134 20 114
†Mr. A. S. Johnstone	105 5 100	Mr. A. Lindley	132 18 114
‡Mr. F. S. Ireland	101 scr. 101	Mr. J. E. Shaw	128 12 116
Mr. W. K. Graham	116 14 102	Mr. Graham Stokes	131 14 117
Mr. F. G. Bamfylde	113 11 102	Mr. Robert Whyte	120 3 117
Mr. G. A. Meredith	114 11 103	§Mr. W. H. B. Gold-	
Mr. W. Rutherford	111 6 105	ney	143 25 118
Mr. E. M. Protheroe	118 12 106	Mr. A. C. Oldham	136 17 119
Mr. W. H. Richardson	109 3 106	Mr. R. M. Richardson	130 10 120
Mr. Alfred Schacht	107 scr. 107	Mr. T. A. Raynes	134 13 121
Mr. J. Dun	119 12 107	Mr. A. B. Hutchings	140 19 121
Mr. R. E. Peake	127 16 111	Mr. R. Winch	144 22 122
Mr. C. W. Harrison	125 14 111	Mr. G. Thompson	137 15 122
Mr. R. A. Baillie	133 21 112	Mr. F. W. Fison	143 20 123
Mr. H. F. Selby	132 20 112	Mr. C. Freen	144 20 124
Mr. R. H. Hedder-			
wick	126 12 114		

\* Winner of Mr. E. M. Protheroe's senior handicap prize and first sweepstake.

† Winner of two sweepstakes.

‡ Winner of club scratch gold medal.

§ Winner of the club junior handicap prize.

The Hon. Algernon Grosvenor, Col. Needham, Surgeon-Major Pratt, Messrs. W. C. Anderson, E. H. Absalom, E. Banbury, A. G. Brown, T. J. Baillie, George Clark, E. H. Dunn, H. Meabourne Fry, E. W. Furnall, George Grant, J. H. Hedderwick, A. Hicks, H. Hicks, O. T. Hodges, A. Keene, W. K. Kearsey, P. E. Ford, F. C. Marton, W. McArthur, A. M. Marshall, H. Paine, F. L. Rawson, H. A. Richardson, M. Richardson, W. R. Stikeman, G. Spurling, W. E. Scott, E. F. S. Tylecote, C. W. Troughton, H. Tanner, C. Teesdale, Stanley Wills, and Stanley Young, were over 124 net, or made no returns.

#### FAKENHAM GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held at Hempton on Monday and Tuesday, 17th and 18th. The weather on Monday was most unfavourable; heavy showers of hail and rain fell at short intervals, saturating the course, and making things generally uncomfortable for the competitors. These conditions probably account for the thin attendance of members, and the comparatively high scoring. The putting-greens were in remarkably good order, owing to the care and attention bestowed on them by the green-keeper, James Dennis. The Hamond cup and club medal were won by Mr. C. Scott-Chad, who also took the Williams prize for the best scratch score.

On Tuesday the weather improved. Playing his medal round in the afternoon, the Rev. H. C. Rogers made a record score, and was heartily congratulated. He completely swept the board, but being disqualified from taking more than one prize (challenge cups and medals excepted), had to be content with carrying off the Hastings cup, club medal, and Mr. Newman's prize for the best aggregate. Captain Hamond's prize went to Mr. A. S. Bidwell. The Rev. J. R. B. Owen took Mr. Rogers' prize for the best scratch score of the

meeting, and Dr. Belding received Mr. Curtis' prize for the best score under handicap, limited to handicaps under 15.

Monday, October 17th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. C. Scott-Chad	100	12	88	Mr. O. S. Curtis	101 6 95
Dr. Belding	101	12	89	Mr. H. A. Digby	106 11 95
Mr. A. H. Upcher	102	12	90	Mr. A. S. Bidwell	120 20 100
Rev. H. C. Rogers	101	7	94		

Tuesday, October 18th:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Rev. H. C. Rogers	89	7	82	Mr. H. A. Digby	106 11 95
Rev. J. R. B. Owen	97	12	85	Mr. N. Hamond	115 12 103
Dr. Belding	101	12	89	Mr. B. H. Vores	127 20 107
Mr. O. S. Curtis	101	6	95		

Several other members made no returns.

#### FORFARSHIRE.

The competition for the Dunnichen medal of the Forfar Golf Club, was finished on Monday the 17th, when Messrs. Hay and Brodie met. The contest was by holes, and as Mr. Brodie had to concede 9 strokes in the round he was very heavily handicapped against such a strong player as Mr. Hay. Mr. Brodie gained the first three holes. After that, Mr. Hay came away with a strong game, and gained the next four. At the end of the half round all were square, but Mr. Brodie by good play held more than his own in the next two holes, and stood one up with seven to play. The next three holes were indifferently played by both, without any alteration in the game. Mr. Hay then played uncommonly well, and, finishing in 4, 3, 4, 5, gained by one hole, and won the club medallion as a memento of his success. Fifty-three members took part in the competition.

The members of the Monifieth club competed on Saturday for a number of prizes and sweepstakes. There was a large turn-out, upwards of seventy players starting. Among the best scores in the first class were:—Mr. George Wright, 80; Mr. Alexander Simpson, 82; Mr. John Hendry, 84; Mr. William Young, 85; Mr. William Lorimer, 85; Mr. William Hutcheson, 88; Mr. David Dempster, 89. In the second class, Mr. David Hutcheson was 89; Mr. Edward Shield, 91; Mr. Alexander Bowman, 92.

The contest for the quach or ancient Scottish drinking cup, amongst the members of the Broughty Club, advanced on Saturday another stage. In the fourth heat Mr. T. E. Suttie (11), beat Mr. James Bowman, 7 holes; Mr. Charles Mudie beat James Ireland, 3 holes; Mr. C. A. Gettings (5), beat Mr. William Grey, 4 holes and 2 to play; Mr. Allan Bell (13), beat Mr. James Nichol.

The half-yearly badge competition of the Montrose Mechanics' Club was held on Saturday in stormy weather, and, considering the day, there was a fair turn-out of competitors. The badge was won by Mr. James M'Intosh with the score of 103, his number. The next prize winners were Mr. W. Cobb, 83, 3 above, and Mr. J. Young, 12 above.

The gold badge presented by Mr. C. D. Napier, captain of the Montrose Mercantile Club for competition among the winners of the monthly badges during the season, was competed for on Saturday by Mr. Alexander Graham, Mr. A. B. Ritchie, Mr. D. Burgess, Mr. Harry M'Kenzie, Mr. John Milne, Mr. William Burgess, and Mr. D. Vallentine. At the close of the competition it was found that Mr. D. Burgess, 1 below his number, had the best average of the seven, and therefore became winner of the badge.

The Montrose Academy Club medal was competed for on Saturday. Ten couples started. The medal was won by Mr. H. Melvin at 106, and the next best scores were Mr. J. Cook and Mr. K. Melvin, 110; Mr. J. Smith, 115; and Mr. A. Tennant and Mr. C. Anderson, 121.

The Arbroath Club finished on Saturday a competition, beginning the previous Wednesday, for the captain's gold medal and the handicap medal. Mr. James Doig won the former with the fine score of 93, and the handicap medal was won by Mr. W. Brown, at 17 below his number.

The members of the Dalhousie Club commenced the annual competition, on the Carnoustie links on Saturday, for the cup presented by the late Lord Dalhousie. All the players except the scratch men receive a handicap allowance of strokes, and the game is decided by holes. Two heats were played, and the results are as follows:—First heat—Mr. J. Mathewson (9) beat Lord Provost Mathewson (12), 4 holes and 2 to play; Mr. J. M. Gray (14) beat Mr. A. Guthrie (5), 4 holes and 3 to play; Mr. A. G. Morgan (6) beat Mr. N. Gilroy (2), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. H. S. C. Everard (scratch) beat Mr. C. M. Boase (12), 8 up and 6 to play; Mr. G. Gilroy, jun. (6) beat Mr. J. D. Bruce (14), 10 holes and 5 to play; Mr. A. Gilroy (11) beat Mr. W. M. Martin (9), 4 holes and 2 to play; Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat Mr. James Prain (8), 5 holes and 3 to play; Mr. J. C. Scott (5) beat Mr. W. R.



Sharp (3), 5 holes and 4 to play; Mr. D. R. Gilroy (11) beat Mr. R. Steven (8), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. H. M. Robinson (3) beat Mr. J. W. Carmichael (14), 5 holes and 4 to play; Mr. W. Gibson, jun. (5) beat Mr. J. Murrison (12), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. W. Mann (9), beat Dr. Anderson (8), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. Allan Mathewson (6) beat Dr. Templeman (11), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. A. Johnston (5) and Mr. A. P. Mathewson (3), a tie; Mr. James Duncan (4), Mr. W. Anderson (3), Mr. W. H. Martin (8), Mr. D. Bannerman (10), Mr. D. Scott, jun. (4), Mr. J. L. Luke (2), Mr. J. L. Sievwright (11), Captain Livingstone (3), Mr. D. M. McIntyre (5), Mr. W. Ballingall (scratch), Mr. D. Scott (8), Mr. J. Jones (5), and Mr. J. M. Smieton (14), byes. Second heat—Mr. James Duncan (4) beat Mr. W. Anderson (3), 1 hole; Mr. W. B. Martin (8) beat Mr. John Mathewson (9), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. J. M. Gray (14) beat Mr. D. Bannerman (10), 5 holes and 4 to play; Mr. H. S. C. Everard (scratch) beat Mr. A. G. Morgan (6), 4 holes and 2 to play; Mr. A. Gilroy (11) beat Mr. G. Gilroy (6), 1 hole; Mr. C. E. Gilroy (scratch) beat Mr. D. Scott, jun. (4), 4 holes and 2 to play; Mr. J. L. Sievwright (11) beat Mr. J. L. Luke (2), 4 holes and 2 to play; Captain Livingstone (3) beat D. McIntyre (5), 8 holes and 6 to play; Mr. D. R. Gilroy (11) beat Mr. J. C. Scott (5), 3 holes and 1 to play; Mr. H. M. Robinson (3) beat Mr. W. Ballinghall (scratch), 2 holes and 1 to play; Mr. W. Gibson, jun. (5) beat Mr. D. Scott (8), 6 holes and 5 to play; Mr. W. Mann (scratch) beat Mr. Allen Mathewson (6), 3 holes and 2 to play; Mr. A. P. Mathewson (3) beat Mr. J. A. Johnston (5), 6 holes and 4 to play; Mr. J. Jones (5) beat Mr. J. M. Smieton (14), 3 holes and 1 to play.

The autumn meeting of the Forfar Golf Club was held at the course on Saturday. The autumn medal and the president's prize were competed for. About forty members took part in the competition. The medal was won by Mr. James Cunningham, Dundee, with a score of 85; while Mr. William Shepherd, Forfar, won the president's prize with a score of 87, less 3=84.

The autumn meeting of the Scotsraig Club was held on Saturday in fine weather, though cold, and a stiff breeze blowing. The competition was for the Scotsraig gold medal (scratch) and the Walker silver medal (handicap); two rounds of the course, in all eighteen holes. At the close, on examination of the cards, the winners were:—Gold medal, Mr. A. S. Thomson, with a score of 91; the Walker medal, Mr. J. Morton, jun., with a score of 100, less 12=88. A few of the next best were as follows:—Mr. J. Greig, 104, less 12=92; Mr. J. Morton, sen., 104, less 12=92; Mr. P. Sellars, 101, less 8=93; Mr. W. Hogg, 96, less 2=94; Dr. J. Orr, 98, less 4=94; Mr. G. Rollo, 104, less 10=94; Mr. T. M. Cappon, 108, less 14=94; Rev. C. Halliday (scratch), 100; Mr. W. Davidson, 107, less 6=101; Mr. M. Carr, 113, less 12=101; Mr. A. Melville, 108, less 4=104; Mr. J. Ireland, 140, less 12=128.

HAGLEY GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting took place on Saturday, October 15th. The day was fine but foggy, and the ground slow and difficult, after the recent heavy rains. The gentlemen's singles handicap was decided in the morning, and the mixed foursomes in the afternoon. There was a good entry for each competition, and the following were the results:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross.Hcp.Net.	
Mr. E. F. Chance...	79 scr. 79	Hon. A. Lyttelton...	106 8 98
Mr. W. H. Grazebrook ...	100 20 80	Mr. R. Bailey ...	117 18 99
Mr. H. Collis ...	104 20 84	Mr. W. L. Roberts. 116	17 99
Mr. J. S. Maynard..	118 30 88	Mr. H. Stobart ...	122 20 102
Mr. R. Smith ...	111 18 93	Rev. L. Sculthorpe. 127	23 104
Mr. F. Grazebrook..	116 20 96	Mr. W. H. King ...	126 20 106
		Mr. E. A. Spurgin ..	129 15 114

MIXED FOURSOMES.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. E. F. Chance and Mrs. T. Grazebrook ...	99	7 92
Mr. H. Collis and Miss M. Harrison ...	112	17 95
Hon. A. Lyttelton and Miss Webb ...	115	16½ 98½
Mr. J. P. Grazebrook and Miss N. King ...	133	27½ 105½
Mr. H. Stobart and Mrs. Spurgin ...	127	20 107
Mr. F. Grazebrook and Mrs. Chance ...	118	10 108
Mr. W. H. Grazebrook and Mrs. Roberts ...	131	23 108
Mr. H. Brinton and Miss M. King ...	132	21½ 110½
Mr. W. L. Roberts and Miss Harrison ...	130	19 111
Mr. G. E. Wilson and Miss King ...	132	19 113
Mr. E. A. Spurgin and Mrs. F. Grazebrook ..	132	14½ 117½
Mr. T. Grazebrook and Miss Evers ...	148	27 121

DORNOCK GOLF CLUB, CRIEFF.—The monthly competitions in connection with this club concluded on Saturday, October 22nd. The following are the prize-winners:—Gentlemen—Handicap medal, Mr. Still; second-class medal, Mr. A. Cook; scratch medal, Mr. Duncan. Ladies—Monthly brooch, Miss Annie Herron; junior medal, Miss Mabel Strathairn; scratch medal, Miss Nelly Morrison.

HARTLEY WINTNEY GOLF CLUB.

The following October competitions have been decided:—October 10th.—Gentlemen's prize (scratch), given by Mrs. Maturin—Mr. F. G. Tuck, 90; Mr. C. P. Hastings, 95; Mr. C. R. Seymour, 103; Mr. C. R. Draper, 105; Mr. H. Bourdillon, 109; Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd, 109; Mr. H. Hollings, 117; Mr. P. F. Morton, 120.

October 13th.—Ladies' monthly medal, sixteen-hole course—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Morton ...	92	11 81	Mrs. Burnett ...	127	24 103
Miss Maturin ...	104	16 88	Miss J. Haddan ...	122	18 104
Miss N. Burton ...	104	14 90	Miss Sharpe ...	123	15 108
Miss Haddan ...	108	17 91	Miss Pulleine ...	140	24 116

October 15th.—Ladies' prize, given by Miss Walkinshaw, sixteen-hole course—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mrs. Hollings ...	84	11 73	Miss N. Burton ...	109	14 95
Mrs. Burnett ...	101	25 76	Mrs. Morton ...	103	5 98
Miss B. Burton ...	112	32 80	Miss C. Seymour ...	132	26 106
Miss J. Haddan ...	107	19 88	Miss Sharpe ...	127	17 110
Miss Maturin ...	107	16 91	Miss Pulleine ...	137	26 111
Miss Haddan ...	108	17 91			

October 19th.—Gentlemen's monthly medal. Chief scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. H. Hollings ...	99 27 72	Mr. P. F. Morton ...	103 18 85
Mr. H. Bourdillon...	102 21 81	Mr. E. W. M. Lloyd	117 24 93
Mr. C. P. Hastings	101 17 84		

HONOURABLE COMPANY OF EDINBURGH GOLFERS.

A more lovely day for Golf could scarcely be desired than that with which the members of the Honourable Company were favoured on the occasion of their annual competition on Thursday, October 20th, for the winter scratch medal. The course at Muirfield was in splendid order, and the greens were also in good trim. The most notable absentee was Mr. Laidlay. The arrangements were as usual carried out in a most unexceptionable manner by Mr. D. R. Kemp, hon. secretary. Of the earlier couples to leave, Mr. A. Stuart, who was partnered with Mr. John Penn, was regarded as a very likely competitor. Mr. Stuart started badly, however, getting into the wood on going to the first hole, and half-topping his drive for the second. It was at once evident that he was off his game, and by rather unsteady play and occasional bad luck he ran up a total of 48 for the outward half of nine holes. Coming home, however, Mr. Stuart showed a much improved and at times brilliant game, but owing to his indifferent play out he required 87 to finish. In contrast to Mr. Stuart, Mr. Leslie Balfour's outward play was consistently good. He started steadily, and although two 5's at the third and fourth hole might possibly have been somewhat improved upon, his all-round play from this point to the ninth hole was almost faultless. Continuing a fine driving game, backed up with telling iron play, Mr. Balfour came home in 41, and this might at least have been somewhat reduced at the last hole, where a 6 was too many in view of Mr. Balfour's game. His 81 actual proved unbeaten for the day, and with this figure Mr. Balfour accordingly carried off the scratch medal, the nearest competitor being Dr. R. H. Blaikie, who finished in 82, or only a stroke worse than the winner.

The following are the best scores returned:—Mr. Leslie M. Balfour, 81; Dr. R. H. Blaikie, 82; Mr. D. A. Stevenson, 84; Mr. J. Wharton Tod, 84; Mr. R. H. Johnston, 85; Mr. Charles Stevenson, 86; Mr. H. F. Caldwell, 86; Mr. Frank Kinloch, 86; Mr. W. J. Mure, 87; Mr. Alexander Stuart, jun., 87; Mr. W. S. Wilson, 89; Mr. A. R. Paterson, 90; Mr. R. C. Cowan, 90; Mr. B. Hall-Blyth, 91; Mr. A. Cowan, 91; Mr. John Penn, 91; Mr. Richard Clark, 91; Dr. Argyll Robertson, 92; Mr. David Maitland, 94; Mr. T. Rutherford Clark, 95; Mr. W. G. Bloxson, 97; Captain B. Kinloch, 97; Captain N. M. Wylie, 98; Mr. James Reid, 102; Mr. R. Forman, 102; Mr. R. Craig MacLagan, 104.

No returns from Sir A. Kinloch, Bart., Sir G. D. Clerk, Bart., Messrs. Edward L. I. Blyth, D. D. Whigham, Charles Matthew, James Anderson, Alexander Crawford, A. Dennistoun, and R. Ellis.

HUDDERSFIELD GOLF CLUB.

On Saturday, at the first autumn meeting, the handsome challenge bowl offered by the club was competed for, in splendid weather, over the course at Fixby, which was in very good order, bar some roughness on the putting-greens. It was expected that some good cards would be sent in, but no one was prepared for the splendid return made by Mr. Harold Crosland, who, though but a player of nine or ten months' standing, did the round in 83, only two above the "Bogey" score. It was made up as follows:—6 3 5 5 4 5 6 5 5 5 4 5 5 5 4 4. With 7 off, he came in with a net return of 76, and was easily first. He thus holds the bowl for the year, and wins the



five-guinea cup given by the club as a memento. The only other good return was the 87, gross, of Dr. F. L. Mackenzie. Of the forty-two players who entered the following sent in their cards :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. H. Crosland ...	83	7 76	Mr. R. Holliday ...	104	15 89
Dr. F. L. Mackenzie ...	87	7 80	Mr. H. Huth ...	105	16 89
Mr. E. T. Woodhead ...	107	26 81	Mr. O. Anders ...	119	30 89
Mr. Fred. Huth ...	108	25 83	Mr. A. P. Crosland ...	108	18 90
Mr. E. B. Wilson ...	111	28 83	Mr. W. Johnson ...	112	22 90
Mr. W. A. Hutchin- son ...	108	24 84	Mr. F. Adcock ...	121	30 91
Mr. T. B. Keighley ...	120	36 84	Mr. O. E. Burton ...	121	30 91
Mr. A. E. Learoyd ...	93	8 85	Mr. J. Oliver ...	109	17 92
Mr. A. L. Woodhead ...	94	9 85	Mr. F. H. Shaw ...	129	36 93
Dr. Carter ...	115	30 85	Mr. A. W. Reith ...	122	28 94
Mr. J. H. Dransfield ...	121	36 85	Mr. A. Bradley ...	114	19 95
Mr. H. Terry, jun. ...	106	20 86	Mr. S. Hirst ...	116	18 98
Rev. G. T. Taylor ...	108	20 88	Rev. N. Langham ...	135	36 99

LYTHAM AND ST. ANNE'S GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of the Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Club was continued, and concluded on Monday, the 17th. The heavy rain of Saturday had given place to a day of sunshine, and the links were in very much better condition, except at the fifth hole, the Long, which remained flooded. The attendance of members was again large, and about seventy players went out to compete for the Thistleton gold medal, with gold memento, for the best scratch score; three handicap prizes; and the Hermon silver cigar box (with accompanying memento), for the best net aggregate score of both days' play. The following were the net scores under 100 :—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. H. Bowman, Manchester ...	102	17	85
Mr. J. A. Brown, St. Anne's ...	92	4	88
Mr. T. H. Miller, Singleton Park ...	101	12	89
Mr. J. M. Rea, St. Anne's ...	94	4	90
Mr. F. Topp, Little Hulton, Bolton ...	105	15	90
Mr. Maclean, Liverpool ...	93	2	91
Rev. G. E. Badeley, Blackpool ...	98	7	91
Mr. J. E. King, St. Anne's ...	100	9	91
Mr. F. H. Smith, Bolton ...	102	11	91
Mr. W. E. Fairlie, Chelford, Crewe ...	87	+5	92
Mr. C. E. Dick, West Kirby ...	89	+3	92
Mr. C. Howard, Chorlton-cum-Hardy ...	97	5	92
Mr. W. H. Crossland, Manchester ...	110	18	92
Mr. C. Hutchings, Frodsham ...	89	+4	93
Mr. G. F. Smith, Bolton ...	92	+1	93
Mr. W. Fletcher, Manchester ...	95	2	93
Mr. A. B. Scholfield, St. Anne's ...	100	7	93
Mr. G. Harper, Ashton, Preston ...	106	13	93
Mr. J. Muirhead, Blackpool ...	109	15	94
Mr. S. F. Butcher, Bury ...	104	10	94
Mr. J. Mellor, Failsworth ...	107	12	95
Mr. W. Potter, Blundellsands ...	98	2	96
Rev. J. G. Denison, Church ...	101	5	96
Mr. A. Entwisle, Great Lever, Bolton ...	111	15	96
Mr. J. A. F. Elfto, St. Anne's ...	101	4	97
Mr. J. Hornby, Liverpool ...	98	scr.	98
Mr. J. Talbot Fair, Lytham ...	109	11	98
Mr. A. H. Ray, Bury ...	116	18	98
Mr. C. W. Fisher, Blackpool ...	105	6	99

Several players did not send in any returns.

The aggregate scores of the two days' play for the Hermon silver cigar box were :—

	First Day.	Second Day.	Total.
Mr. J. A. Brown ...	94	88	182
Mr. W. Fletcher ...	91	93	184
Mr. W. Potter ...	90	96	186
Mr. F. H. Smith ...	94	92	186
Mr. Maclean ...	96	91	187
Mr. C. Hutchings ...	95	93	188
Mr. C. Howarth ...	96	92	188
Mr. C. E. Dick ...	97	92	189
Mr. S. F. Butcher ...	95	94	189
Mr. G. F. Smith ...	97	93	190
Mr. J. E. King ...	100	91	191

Other scores were higher. Mr. J. A. Brown was therefore the winner, and having won the same prize in 1890, it will become his property if he is successful a third time. The first optional sweepstakes was won by Mr. H. Bowman, the second by Mr. J. A. Brown, and the third by Mr. T. H. Miller.

The tie for Saturday's second and third handicap prizes was also played off, the second prize being won by Mr. F. H. Smith with 102, less 13=89; Mr. W. Fletcher taking the third with 95, less 3=92.

At the close of the play the hon. secretary, Mr. J. Talbot Fair, presented the prizes, in the absence of the captain, who had had to leave earlier. Messrs. H. Bowman and T. H. Miller were heartily cheered when their names were announced as winners. This closed a very successful day.

KETTERING v. CHARNWOOD FOREST.

The return match between these clubs took place at Kettering on Saturday, 15th October. Kettering won by 18 holes, thus reversing the result of the previous match.

KETTERING.		Holes.	CHARNWOOD FOREST.		Holes.
Dr. Allison ...	...	8	Col. Dashwood ...	...	0
Dr. Lee ...	...	0	Mr. Braund ...	...	3
Mr. J. H. Greasley ...	...	0	Mr. T. B. Jones ...	...	2
Mr. E. P. Toller ...	...	5	Dr. Huitt ...	...	0
Mr. A. C. Simmons ...	...	10	Rev. H. Hampson ...	...	0
		23			5

The return match was played, October 22nd, on the Charnwood Forest Links, in almost perfect weather, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 6 holes. Below are the scores :—

KETTERING.		Holes.	CHARNWOOD FOREST.		Holes.
Dr. Allison ...	...	4	Mr. G. P. Braund ...	...	0
Dr. Lee ...	...	0	Mr. T. B. Jones ...	...	3
Mr. E. P. Toller ...	...	2	Mr. A. Holbeche ...	...	0
Mr. J. W. Gerasley ...	...	0	Dr. Huitt ...	...	1
Mr. A. C. Simmons ...	...	0	Rev. H. Hampson ...	...	1
Mr. H. A. Cooper ...	...	5	Rev. A. J. W. Hiley ...	...	0
		11			5

MACCLESFIELD GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly handicap for this season was played on the Upton links on Saturday last. Twelve members entered, but seven cards only were returned, Mr. Tylecote winning the first place with a net score of 92, and Mr. Adshedd the second with 95. The following are the principal scores :—

Gross Hcp. Net.			Gross Hcp. Net.		
Mr. F. Tylecote ...	103	11 92	Mr. M. H. Hall ...	110	13 97
Mr. S. Adshedd ...	131	36 95	Mr. L. New ...	130	30 100
Mr. G. H. Swindells ...	116	20 96			

NEWBIGGIN GOLF CLUB.

The eleventh competition for the gold medal, and the final one for the club prize, value £10 10s., were played last week, and were both won by Mr. Hutton, to whom also fell the first in the optional sweep, Mr. Brumell being a close second, and Mr. Wood only one stroke behind him. The strong north-east wind made the going-out journey very heavy, and told on all the scores. Results :—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Thos. Hutton ...	107	11 96	Mr. John Tate ...	114	14 100
Mr. B. Brumell ...	113	16 97	Mr. C. Wilkinson ...	116	14 102
Mr. J. W. Wood ...	100	2 98	Mr. J. G. SharpNaters ...	113	9 104
Mr. F. Wyndham ...	112	12 100	Mr. David Rosser ...	119	14 105

Mr. James Hedley retired.  
Final for the club prize—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.		
Mr. Thomas Hutton ...	107	scr. 107	Mr. F. Wyndham ...	112	scr. 112
Mr. B. Brumell ...	113	3 110	Mr. J. G. SharpNaters ...	113	scr. 113

Mr. Guy Ellis was absent.

The twelfth competition for the gold medal, on Saturday, the 15th, was won by Mr. J. W. Wood, with a net score of 95, after his allowance of 2, so that Mr. J. Hedley (who was absent) and Mr. Wood now tie. Although the chances of ultimately winning were confined to those two gentlemen, a few of the resident members entered, and Mr. Rosser was a close second, Mr. Wilkinson being third. There was a high north-east wind.

INNERLEITHEN.—The monthly competition for the Pantone medal and the first for the year for the Robertson silver inkstand took place on the Leithen course on Saturday. The weather was good and there was a large turn-out of members. Mr. James S. Small won both prizes. The following are the best scores :— 1st, Mr. James S. Small, 87, less 9=78; 2nd, Mr. G. A. D. C. Ferguson, 77, plus 2=79; 3rd, Mr. R. T. Robertson, 89, less 9=80; 4th, Mr. G. B. Brown, 96, less 15=81; 5th, Mr. A. Robertson, 80, plus 3=83; 6th, Mr. M. G. Thorburn, 91, less 5=86; 7th, Mr. R. C. Small, 102, less 12=90; 8th, Mr. W. Stobie, 109, less 18=91.

NOTTINGHAM GOLF CLUB.

The following are the scores for the October portion of the six monthly competitions, ending December 31st next:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. A. T. Ashwell...	86	10	76	Mr. R. D. Oswald...	105	6	99
Mr. C. F. Dobson...	95	14	81	Mr. W. Rickman...	126	27	99
Mr. J. C. Warren...	86	4	82	Mr. W. H. Hutton	116	16	100
Mr. J. Doleman...	92	5	87	Mr. A. Harwood...	130	27	103
Mr. C. S. Wardle...	101	12	89	Mr. T. McCulloch...	123	18	105
Mr. J. Bowes...	103	14	89	Mr. A. Barrow...	122	16	105
Mr. J. Hall...	98	8	90	Mr. Wm. Ross, jun.	127	20	107
Mr. J. Johnstone...	100	10	90	Mr. E. A. Coutts...	126	16	110
Mr. C. B. Edwards	105	14	91	Mr. J. G. Dobson...	135	20	115
Mr. J. A. Simpson...	109	18	91	Mr. Franklin Hine..	131	not	hcpd.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB.

The club is flourishing greatly this term, owing no doubt to the great improvements effected on the Hincksey links during the past vacation, and to the presence of Hugh Kirkaldy, now resident professional, and no less than forty new members have joined during the past week. Several scores of 80 and under have been registered already, notably two of 78 by Messrs. P. Balfour and F. H. Stewart respectively. Scores:—

Weekly handicap, October 21st.—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. R. A. Mant...	96	30	66	Mr. W. M. Lindsay	102	18	84
Mr. J. A. F. Moncrieff...	80	10	70	Mr. C. W. W. Surridge...	97	12	85
Mr. T. M. Winch...	89	15	74	Mr. J. B. Wood...	105	18	87
Mr. E. J. Palmer...	94	20	74	Mr. C. E. Brownrigg...	99	11	88
Mr. G. C. Jobling...	101	20	81	Mr. J. E. B. Livingstone...	119	30	89
Mr. F. H. Champion	90	8	82	Mr. R. W. Macan	102	12	90
Mr. J. Hall...	97	15	82				
Mr. H. Nicholls...	89	5	84				
Rev. F. H. Hall...	97	13	84				

No returns from Messrs. A. J. Boger, E. G. M. Carmichael, F. W. Hall, W. R. Harding, D. G. Hogarth, and N. R. Stone.

RAMSEY (ISLE OF MAN) GOLF CLUB.

A handicap was played on Milntown links on Thursday, the 13th, which resulted in a win for Mr. E. H. Dawson. The following are the scores:—

	Gross.	Hcp.	Net.
Mr. Dawson, Ramsey	125	14	111
Mr. LaMothe, Ramsey	125	10	115
Mr. Milns, Ramsey	132	14	118
Mr. Wilson (capt.), Ramsey	135	14	121
Mr. Corlett, Ramsey	127	scr.	127
Mr. Crellin, Ramsey	145	18	127
Mr. Roose, Ramsey	151	24	127
Mr. Cruickshank, Ramsey	143	14	129
Mr. Lucas, Ramsey	148	18	130
Dr. Gell, Ramsey	150	18	132
Capt. Cayley, Castletown	174	36	137
Mr. Drinkwater, Douglas	168	30	138
Major Lemon, Ramsey	174	30	144
Lieut. Berney, Castletown	164	20	144
General Brereton, Ramsey	185	36	149
Mr. Stevenson, Castletown	182	30	152

RHYL GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club was held on Saturday, October 22nd, in miserable weather. A high wind, accompanied by heavy showers of rain and hail, rendering low scoring impossible. The Visitors' prize secured a fair entry, including the amateur champion, Mr. John Ball. Mr. Briscoe, the captain of the club, scored a very popular win in the members' handicap.

Open handicap.—Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. Briscoe...	112	28	84	Mr. J. Campbell...	119	18	101
†Mr. J. Ball, jun. ...	88	+8	96	Mr. H. G. Stock...	116	14	102
†Mr. C. H. Smith...	110	12	98	Mr. F. A. Cooper...	133	25	108
Mr. T. W. Crowther	101	2	99	Mr. J. D. Miller...	163	32	131
Mr. H. W. Hind...	116	15	101	Mr. R. B. Dixon...	175	36	139

\* Winner of first sweepstakes.

† Winner of first prize, scratch prize, second sweepstake, and holder of visitors' cup.

‡ Winner of third sweepstake.

No returns from Messrs. Plunkett, Hayes, Strachan, Walthall, Francis, and Capt. Mould.

Members' handicap.—Scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mr. Briscoe...	112	28	84	Captain Wilkinson...	172	50	122
†Mr. H. S. Hind...	116	12	104	Mr. R. B. Dixon...	175	47	128
†Mr. H. G. Stock...	116	12	104	Mr. J. D. Miller...	163	32	131

\* Winner of Pickop cup and holder of Platt cup.

† Tied for second prize.

No returns from Messrs. Plunkett, Clement, Francis, Johnson, Walthall, and Williams.

In the evening the annual dinner was held at the Belvoir Hotel.

ROCHESTER GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal, October 22nd.—Best returns:—Mr. C. Lake, 94, less 7=87; Mr. G. K. Anderson, 102, less 14=88.

Ladies' monthly medal, October 22nd:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
*Mrs. Sealy...	128	30	98	Mrs. Anderson...	119	17	102
Miss Hobbs...	137	36	101	Miss Pound...	128	25	103
Mrs. Keith...	143	42	101	Mrs. Cumming...	130	20	110

\* Winner.

ROYAL ASCOT v. CAMBERLEY.

Played on October 15th.

ASCOT.		Holes.	CAMBERLEY.		Holes.
Mr. J. F. E. Bowring...	...	5	Mr. W. N. Bolton...	...	0
Mr. H. Eden...	...	2	Major Ball...	...	0
Mr. H. Sawyer...	...	4	Lieut.-Col. Lewes...	...	0
Mr. A. R. Hamilton...	...	0	Captain Cooper Key...	...	4
Mr. H. Wilson...	...	0	Captain Kenney Herbert...	...	1
Mr. E. E. Hanbury...	...	5	Captain Macbean...	...	0
Mr. H. H. Longman...	...	1	Captain Wynyard...	...	0
Mr. C. A. Ferard...	...	2	Captain Morrison...	...	0
		19			5

ROYAL DUBLIN GOLF CLUB.

Despite the inclemency of the weather on Saturday, the 15th, there was a good turn-out of competitors for the club monthly medal. Not only did it rain heavily, but a strong wind added very considerably to the scoring, and the general discomfort of players. Mr. Wm. Hone was the winner, with a gross score of 94, less 10=84. The following were among the returns handed in:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.			Gross. Hcp. Net.				
Mr. W. Hone...	94	10	84	Dr. A. Traill...	110	14	96
Mr. J. H. Barrington	100	15	85	Mr. J. Lumsden, sen.	104	6	98
Mr. Vernon Kyrke	107	17	90	Mr. J. P. Barrington	128	30	98
Mr. A. L. Figgis...	108	14	94	Mr. W. Keating...	114	15	99
Mr. F. H. Orr...	110	15	95	Lord Louth...	111	scr.	111

Lord Louth was not handicapped, and therefore played scratch.

There was quite a large turn-out of members on the North Bull on Saturday, to compete for the Lumsden medal, but besides those who competed there were many members down who did not take part, but had friendly contests on their own account. The medal is played for half-yearly by holes under handicap, and was presented by Mr. John Lumsden, the president of the club, in 1886. As the days are rather short now, the round was reduced to nine holes, the winner of the first couple waiting at the ninth hole, and then playing the winner of the next couple the "home" nine holes, and so on with each succeeding couple. Notwithstanding this arrangement, there was not sufficient light to complete the competition, and the remaining competitors will play off during the week. Of course, it rained, as it always seems to do on Saturdays, but the rain, though "short," was decidedly "sweet," and made more than one player rather uncomfortable. The following was the result of Saturday's play:—

First round.—Mr. V. Kyrke (5), beat Mr. J. M. Gillies (9); Lord Louth (6), beat Mr. J. O. Wylie (7); Mr. A. L. Figgis (5), beat Mr. J. W. White (3); Mr. J. P. Barrington (9), beat Major Somerset-Maxwell (7); Mr. F. H. Orr (5), beat Mr. J. H. Barrington (5); Mr. Wm. Hone (3), beat Mr. W. Keating; Mr. J. M. Dickson (5), beat Mr. Hume-Henderson; Mr. F. Gilroy (scratch), beat Mr. H. Daly (6); Capt. Crawford (4), beat Mr. R. H. Moore (4); Col. Courtenay (7), beat Mr. G. Knox (8); Mr. J. Lumsden, jun. (2), beat Mr. J. R. Bristow (8); Mr. O'Farrell (6), beat Mr. J. M. Davies (6); Mr. J. Davidson (9), beat Mr. J. R. Law (9).

Second round.—Lord Louth (6), beat Mr. V. Kyrke (5); Mr. A. L. Figgis (5), beat Mr. J. P. Barrington (9); Mr. Wm. Hone (3), beat Mr. F. H. Orr (5); Mr. T. Gilroy (scratch), beat Mr. J. M. Dickson (5); Capt. Crawford (4), beat Col. Courtenay (7); Mr. O'Farrell (6), beat Mr. J. Lumsden, jun. (2); Mr. J. Davidson on a bye.

Third round.—Lord Louth (6), beat Mr. A. L. Figgis (5); Mr. Wm. Hone (3), beat Mr. T. Gilroy (scratch).

The following will play off on Tuesday at three o'clock sharp:—Capt. Crawford (4), plays Mr. J. Davidson (9); Mr. W. Hone (3), plays the winner of above; Lord Louth (6), plays Mr. E. O'Farrell, (6).

Saturday next an open competition will take place, which promises to be very successful.

ROYAL EPPING FOREST v. RICHMOND.

The above match, seventeen men a-side, was played at Chingford on Thursday, 20th inst. The green was in first-rate condition, and the weather, after being rather threatening, cleared up, and a most enjoyable afternoon's Golf was the result. The match resulted in a win for the home team by 29 holes; but the visitors went away bent on revenge. Scores:—

ROYAL EPPING FOREST.		RICHMOND.	
	Holes.		Holes.
Mr. Alex. Anderson ...	0	Mr. A. T. Jockel ...	8
Mr. J. G. Gibson ...	0	Mr. A. L. Jockel ...	0
Mr. A. Denman ...	0	Mr. A. Allen ...	1
Mr. S. R. Bastard ...	11	Mr. Thomson Glover ...	0
Mr. E. A. Read ...	0	Mr. F. Booth ...	4
Captain Cowper Coles ...	2	Mr. H. Gairdner ...	0
Mr. J. M. Kerr ...	10	Mr. M. W. Whitmore ...	0
Mr. F. W. Robertson ...	1	Mr. B. Thomas ...	0
Mr. J. W. Greig ...	0	Mr. J. G. Wylie ...	1
Mr. H. A. Gardom ...	3	Mr. H. Davenport ...	0
Mr. C. E. Greig ...	4	Mr. J. Dunlop Hill ...	0
Mr. G. F. Sanders ...	1	Mr. S. F. Higgins ...	0
Mr. H. E. Fisher ...	6	Mr. A. J. Clarke ...	0
Mr. E. Flint ...	0	Mr. H. Knight ...	4
Mr. J. E. Shaw ...	6	Mr. L. Renault ...	0
Mr. F. F. Mckenzie ...	0	Mr. W. J. Godby ...	2
Mr. J. Walker ...	5	Mr. R. N. Ferguson ...	0
	49		20

Majority, 29.

ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT GOLF CLUB.

The autumn meeting of this club began on Wednesday, October 12th, with a foursome tournament, when five foursomes started. The club prize was eventually won by Messrs. Mayhew and Fisher, Capt. Hamilton and Mr. May being second. Messrs. Ricketts and Longman were doing well, when unfortunately Mr. Ricketts was disabled, and they were obliged to retire from the contest, otherwise the result might have been different.

On Thursday, 13th of October, eleven and a-half couples started for the Tottenham challenge medal and club prize. The weather was so very boisterous that it rendered good scoring impossible. Mr. F. Templer, R.M.A., a very promising golfer, won the Tottenham challenge medal with a score of 93; he also took the club prize and first sweep. This is Mr. Templer's first win on these links.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Mr. F. W. Templer	93 4 89	Mr. F. W. Hollams	105 10 95
Mr. G. W. Ricketts	97 6 91	Capt. A. J. Corse	
Mr. M. Huish	109 18 91	Scott	99 2 97
Mr. J. H. Mudie	94 2 92	Mr. G. E. Tabor	108 10 98
Mr. M. Tabuteau	101 9 92	Mr. P. Henery	103 3 100
Capt. R. Alexander	105 13 92	Mr. H. May	112 12 100
Mr. G. F. Muir	105 12 93		

\* Tottenham gold medal club prize, first sweep.

The following were over 100 net, or gave no return:—Mr. J. W. Wright, Capt. Poynder, R.N., Col. Le Marchant, Mr. Latimer Le Marchant, Mr. W. F. Fisher, Mr. W. H. Dudley Ward, Capt. Twynan, Mr. H. H. Longman, Capt. J. F. Hamilton, Mr. A. Mayhew, and Mr. F. Crooke.

ROYAL JERSEY GOLF CLUB.

The Denton prize, Saturday, October 22nd.

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
*Col. Mackenzie	93 3 90	Mr. A. E. Walker	97 1 96
*Mr. T. C. Robin	91 scr. 91	Mr. C. C. Renton	99 3 96
Major Scott, R.A.	91 +1 92	Capt. Fairlie	102 5 97

\* Divided sweepstakes.

Several players made no return.

HADDINGTON.—The final tie for the Aitchison medal was played on the 20th inst., over the Sarelton course. The players were Messrs. W. Merrilees and J. Stirling, and the medal was won by the former. Since the opening of the green at the beginning of the month much has been done to improve it.

SEAFORD GOLF CLUB.

Monthly medal competition, October 22nd, 1892:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. E. Bedford	100 16 84	Mr. W. M. Cundell	105 16 89
Dr. Dring	104 18 86	Mr. C. A. S. Leggatt	95 5 90
Mr. C. S. Hand	101 12 89	Mr. John Pitcairn	111 18 93

A strong wind from the north-west, and bad lies through the green owing to the recent wet weather, rendered low scoring out of the question. It is only fair to Ross (St. Andrews), who has lately accepted the post of green-keeper, to say that the greens were in decent condition considering the adverse circumstances above referred to.

SIDCUP GOLF CLUB.

The monthly medal competition for September resulted in a tie between Dr. Shapley, 102, less 13=89, and Mr. W. Nicholson, 113, less 24=89. The tie was played off on October 12th. Dr. Shapley, 101, less 13=88; Mr. Nicholson, 117, less 24=93.

The October medal (the last for the first season) was played for on Saturday last, and was won by Mr. W. Nicholson. Mr. W. Nicholson, 105, less 24=81; Dr. F. Shapley, 96, less 10=86; Mr. F. Fry, 100, less 13=87. Others over 90 net or no returns.

The winners of the monthly medals during the first season will play on Saturday next for a special prize presented by the vice-president, Capt. Blanks, under special handicap. This competition will close the first season of the club, and the annual general meeting will be held on the following Wednesday, November 2nd, when a very satisfactory report and balance-sheet will be produced.

SOUTHDOWN AND BRIGHTON LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

On the 19th inst. Miss E. Cleaver secured the Sherlock cup, with a score of 72. The medal play on the same day was as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss M. Fair	99 14 85	Miss Dickenson	118 25 93
Miss M. Crunden	93 5 88	Miss H. Griffith	112 24 88
Mrs. J. E. Dill	106 17 89		

No returns from Mrs. Allen, Miss Crunden, Miss M. Moore, Miss Cleaver, and Miss Jones.

STAINES GOLF CLUB.

A competition for the winners of the monthly medal was held on Saturday, 22nd inst., the prize being presented by the club.

The winner was Mr. G. J. Hunter, and the following are the scores:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Mr. G. J. Hunter	94 15 79	Mr. W. G. Rigden	97 12 85
Mr. G. Struthers	101 18 83	Captain Harrison	95 10 85
Captain Warren	95 10 85	Mr. M. W. Mossop	99 12 87

TORQUAY LADIES' GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly medal day of the season took place on Friday, the 21st inst. The scores are as follows:—

Gross. Hcp. Net.		Gross. Hcp. Net.	
Miss Wollen	92 21 71	The Hon. B. L.	
Miss E. Colhoun	86 6 80	Yarde-Buller	93 6 87
Miss Hawkes	96 11 85	Miss K. Oldfield	102 11 91
		Lady Churston	109 8 101

Miss Wise made no return.

Miss E. Colhoun takes the sweepstakes, which form second prize.

KING JAMES VI. GOLF CLUB, PERTH.—On Thursday 20th, the annual autumn competition of the members of this club for the Hay-Robertson medal, the club silver medal, and sweepstake prizes took place on the North Inch. The weather was excellent, and the greens were in good condition. On the cards being handed in it was found that the Hay-Robertson medal had been won by Mr. R. Keay with a score of 77 (scratch), and the club's silver medal by Mr. R. Dunsmore with a score of 80. Mr. Keay also carried off the first sweepstake prize; the second went to Mr. Crerar with a score of 83, less 5=78; and the third to Mr. G. T. Cairncross with a score of 83, less 3=80. The next best scores were:—Mr. P. W. Campbell, 88; Mr. H. H. Greig, 90; Mr. A. Miller, 90; Mr. A. T. Mackay, 90; Mr. A. Robertson, 91; Mr. R. Halley, 91; Mr. A. Jamieson, 93; Mr. John Mailer, 94; Major Chalmers, 94; Mr. D. S. Dow, 96; and Mr. G. R. Sinclair, 97. Mr. Keay's score is the best that has yet been made on the extended course in any competition.

GLASGOW.—The tie for the Rae-Arthur medal was played off on Saturday in the Alexandra Park, by Mr. James A. Shaw and Mr. W. Milne. Mr. Shaw, who was in capital form, repeated his previous score of 75, but Mr. Milne, who was off colour, took 81.



**BRORA.**—The last of the fortnightly competitions for the Gunnis and club gold medals and other prizes, took place on Saturday in very stormy weather, which rendered low scoring next to impossible. When the cards were handed in it was found that Mr. Daniel Grant with an aggregate of 635, had won both medals. Mr. Grant holds the Gunnis medal for one year, while the club's medal becomes his absolute property. The other winners were Messrs. A. Will, Geo. Sutherland, and W. Smith.

**SEATON CAREW GOLF CLUB.**—The last of thirteen competitions for the club cup took place on Saturday, the winner proving to be Mr. C. J. Bunting. Scores:—Mr. C. J. Bunting, 96, less 8=88; Major M. Gray, 100, less 10=90; Mr. J. F. Pease, 111, less 18=93; Mr. C. Cooper, 103, less 7=96; Mr. P. A. Raps, 104, less 8=96; Mr. G. Newby, 100, less 3=97. Messrs. Seymour, Walker, F. W. Purvis, A. Robinson, and several other members made no return. As the ultimate winner of this cup has to be the member who can show a majority of wins in these thirteen competitions, Mr. Bunting will now play off with Mr. C. B. Williamson (having two wins in each) to decide the winner. Other members who have won one competition each are Rev. W. Wickwar, Messrs. J. F. Whitwell, R. E. Leach, A. B. Crosby, A. Robinson, G. Newby, P. A. Raps, E. R. Lindley, and J. F. Pease.

**DUNBAR.**—The annual competition for the Inches gold medal and pendant was held over the links on Thursday, 20th inst. Owing to the good day and splendid condition of the links many members turned out. The following were the principal prize-winners:—Mr. Percy Aitken, 89; Mr. W. Duncan, 88, plus 2=90; Mr. A. Sisson (scratch), 91; Mr. A. Horne, 94, less 3=91.

**BRIDGE OF WEIR.**—**RANFURLY CASTLE CLUB.**—An interesting and well-contested home-and-home foursome match was played over these links on Wednesday, the 19th, between Messrs. A. D. Prothero and J. B. Nelson, the Frestwick golfers, and Messrs. W. N. and J. B. Scott (brothers), of the Ranfurly Club. Messrs. Scott are among the scratch players of their club. The weather was all that could be desired for the match. The putting-greens were also in first-rate condition. The match was a thirty-six hole one (four rounds of the links). Some of the holes were taken in excellent style, and on the whole the players acquitted themselves ably. The match was halved.

**ROYAL PERTH GOLFING SOCIETY.**—The annual autumn meeting of the Royal Perth Golfing Society was held in the club-room on the 19th, after which the annual autumn competition for the Buccleuch gold medal, the Bombay silver medal, and the Athole Cross (handicap) medal took place over the old course on the North Inch, the rules of the club not allowing a competition of the club to take place over the newly-extended course till next spring. The following twelve couples started:—Mr. A. Burns Macdonald and Captain J. P. H. Livingstone; Messrs. William MacLeish and I. Henry Anderson; Messrs. Alex. Macduff and James Speid; Messrs. A. H. Granger and J. Hill Thomas; Messrs. H. Macduff Duncan and W. H. Cox; Messrs. R. H. Moncrieffe and J. D. Lumsden; Major Dundas and Mr. A. G. Morgan; Rev. A. J. B. Baxter and Dr. R. Stirling; Messrs. J. E. Miller and J. R. Macduff Duncan; Rev. W. G. H. Carmichael and Mr. J. Riddell Webster; Messrs. R. W. R. Mackenzie and E. A. S. Richardson; Messrs. J. F. Pullar and Melville Jameson, jun. After the cards had been handed in, it was found that the Buccleuch gold medal had been won by Mr. A. G. Morgan, with a score of 118; the Bombay silver medal by Mr. J. Riddell Webster, with a score of 121; and the Athole Cross (handicap) medal by Mr. I. Henry Anderson, with a score of 122, less 6=116.

**DORNOCH.**—What may be regarded as the closing competition of the season was brought to a successful finish on the 18th, namely, the Platt cup tournament. This is the third year of its existence. Before the handsome prize becomes the property of any particular person it must be won three years in succession. Twenty players entered, and yesterday this number was reduced to eight, who started in the following order:—Mr. T. S. Esson, Edinburgh (6), and Mr. M'Donald (plus 1); Mr. Hugh Munro (1) and Mr. Bridgeford (4); Provost Sutherland (10) and Mr. J. Sutherland (plus 4); Mr. Morrison (10) and Bailie Fraser (10). Of these Mr. Esson, Provost Sutherland, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Bridgeford were thrown out, and the semi-final resulted as follows:—Mr. M'Donald beat Bailie Fraser at the last hole, and Mr. Munro beat Mr. Sutherland by 4 up and 2 to play. In the final Mr. M'Donald had to concede Mr. Munro 2 strokes, but eventually won by 4 up and 2 to play.

**OSSINGTON CLUB, KILMARNOCK.**—There was a large turn-out of players on Saturday, October 22nd, to compete for the prizes presented by the captain, Mr. Hugh Lauder. A number of the games were exceedingly well contested, but the course being still very rough the scores were somewhat heavy. Result:—Mr. John Davidson (10), 82; Dr. Lawrie (12), 87; Mr. John Paton (8), 88.

**INVERNESS.**—The competition for Sheriff Blair's medal (handicap) was played at Culcebock on Saturday, the 15th inst. The day was very unsuitable for Golf, being stormy and wet, but the turn-out of players, notwithstanding these adverse conditions, was good, and the play all round was of a high class. The medal was won by Mr. Alex. Lobban, with the excellent scratch score of 79, which, we understand, is the lowest with which any prize has been taken on that course. The next few scores in order of merit are:—Mr. Wm. Cromb (scratch), 82; Mr. L. Macrae (scratch), 84; Mr. P. D. Smart, 90, less 6=84; General Peile, 103, less 18=85; Mr. D. Mactavish, 97, less 9=88; Mr. D. Mackintosh, 97, less 12=85; Mr. J. Allan, 93, less 6=87.

**HARRISON CLUB, EDINBURGH.**—The last competition for the season, being also the last of the series of competitions in connection with the monthly medal and cup, was played on Wednesday, the 19th inst., in the Harrison Park. The best scores were:—1st, Mr. Coutts, 52, less 7=45; 2nd, Mr. W. M'Curraich, 51, less 4=47; 3rd, Mr. D. Menzies, 53, less 3=50; 4th, Mr. J. Allan, 55, less 3, and Mr. J. Scott, 60, less 8=52 each. Mr. Coutts has thus won the medal for the second time during the season, and ties with Mr. W. Paterson for ultimate possession of it. The holder of the cup being decided by the lowest aggregate of four scores in the same competitions, Mr. Coutts, with a total of 185, or an average of 46.1, becomes winner, and entitled to a gold charm. The next best aggregates are those of Mr. W. Paterson, 195; Mr. W. M'Queen Smith, 202; Mr. J. Blyth, 206; Mr. A. Tait, 207; Mr. R. J. B. Tait and Mr. Jas Gordon, 208 each.

**"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.**—The monthly medal of this club was played for on the 19th inst., and was won by Mr. Pearson, with the score of 101, less 18=83; Mr. Kinnear and Mr. J. M'Intyre tieing for second place with the net score of 84.

**GALASHIELS.**—The first competition for the season took place on the 19th inst. over this course, when the monthly medal and extra prizes were played for. The following are a few of the scores:—Mr. W. H. Gray, 80, plus 4=84; Mr. A. T. Dalgleish, 92, less 8=84—tie; Dr. Doig, 89, less 4=85; Mr. James Watson, 97, less 10=87; Mr. Alex. Noble, 99, less 8=91; Mr. A. D. Robson, 95, less 3=92; and Mr. J. Brown, jun., 102, less 10=92—tie; Mr. Henry Riddle, 105, less 12=93; and Mr. Henry Roberts, 108, less 15=93—tie.

**FALKIRK TRYST CLUB.**—On Saturday the second round of the autumn tournament for the captain's prize was concluded on the Falkirk Tryst ground. The following was the result:—Mr. M'Gregor (6) beat Mr. Darling (8); Mr. J. M'Donald (8) beat Mr. Leishman (22); Mr. Bamforth (27) beat Dr. Ronald (27); Mr. H. Lower (12) beat Mr. Blakey (16); Mr. G. Richardson (15) beat Mr. Robson (scratch); Mr. F. Scatter (6) beat Mr. W. Cormack (8). Mr. A. Shaw received a bye on account of Dr. Bell scratching. The best scores for the two rounds were:—Mr. Bamforth, 72; Dr. Ronald, 79.

**BEARSDEN.**—The final of the ladies' handicap tournament, the prize being a set of clubs, has been played off, with the following result:—Mrs. Hutton (9) beat Mrs. Johnston (scratch). The semi-final of the tournament, confined to male members of the club, has ended as follows:—Mr. James Burnside (24) beat Mr. J. C. Walker (14); Mr. George Malloch (20) beat Mr. C. C. Cuthbert (12). The final thus lies to be played between Mr. James Burnside and Mr. G. Malloch.

**MORTONHALL, EDINBURGH.**—On Saturday the members of this club entered on the early stages of a competition by holes, the prize being a silver inkstand of appropriate design presented to the club by one of its members, Dr. A. C. Sym. Forty competitors having started, six rounds must be played before the winner can be known. On Saturday the last round for the silver cup presented to the club by another member, Mr. Alexander Black, was also played. The competition for this cup, which was likewise one by holes, has been taken part in by a large number of members, the previous stages having been in progress throughout the autumn. The final struggle for possession of the prize, which becomes the property of the winner, lay between the captain, Mr. Duncan Maclaren, and Mr. W. M. Ritchie. The handicap of the latter enabled him to start with two holes in hand, but, notwithstanding that advantage, victory ultimately rested with the captain, the match ending in his favour at the Buckstane Hole by 3 up and 1 to play.

**EASTWOOD CLUB, GIFFNOCK.**—The second ties in the first quarterly competition for the Mann cup were played off on Saturday. The course and putting-greens were in very good condition, and over 50 members were out playing during the course of the afternoon. The following is the result of the six ties played:—Mr. J. Neville (6) beat Mr. J. Hutcheson, jun. (9), 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. J. Bremner (9) beat Mr. J. R. Taylor (5), 4 up and 3 to play; Mr. J. M. Falconer (5) beat Mr. George Fyfe (9), 2 up and 1 to play; Mr. John Scott (9) beat Mr. J. Macfarlane (9), 6 up and 5 to play; Mr. Wm. Boyd, jun. (5) beat Mr. Wm. Kelly (4), 1 hole up; Mr. Edgar (9) beat Mr. Robert Craig (9), 3 up and 2 to play.

"SCOTSMAN" CLUB.—The winter prize meeting of this club came off on the Braids on Saturday. Prize-winners:—1, Mr. A. Geoghegan, 87, less 6=81; 2, Mr. D. Coutts (scratch), 84; 3, Mr. H. Neilson, 93, less 7=86; 4 and 5 (tie), Mr. J. Lawrie, 91, less 4=87, and Mr. J. Morgan, 112, less 25=87; 6 and 7 (tie), Mr. D. Blair (scratch), 88, and Mr. A. Rankin, 116, less 28=88; 8, Mr. D. Robb, 103, less 14=89.

CARLTON GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—At the annual meeting of this club the following were selected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. William Paxton, Orchardton; vice-president, Mr. William J. Anderson, Glasgow; captain, Dr. Haultain; vice-captain, Mr. John Taylor; secretary, Mr. Alex. Macbeth, 13, Warrender Park Crescent; treasurer, Mr. Andrew Brunton, National Bank, St. Andrew Square; committee, Messrs. W. B. Taylor, G. S. Turnbull, James Soutar, W. Corson, and T. Lugton, jun. The funds were reported to be in a satisfactory state, and the membership increasing, twenty-two new members having joined during the past year.

HERIOT GOLF CLUB, EDINBURGH.—The last quarterly competition for the season took place at the Braids on Saturday. Mr. James Boyd carried off the Tawse medal (scratch). Mr. D. Orr Smith secured the captain's prize for the lowest aggregate. The prize-winners were:—1, Mr. James Boyd, 81; 2, Mr. J. B. Clark, 84; 3, Mr. Wm. Mackenzie, 85; 4 and 5, Mr. D. O. Smith and Mr. J. Webber, 86; 6, Mr. John Craig, 87.

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CATHKIN BRAES GOLF CLUB.—The final round in the competition for the club's gold medal was played off on Saturday in splendid weather by the twelve winners of the monthly competitions. The winner was Mr. David Hill, with a score of (14) 88. The other scores returned were:—Mr. D. H. Gillan (plus 4), 93; Mr. R. Scott, Pollok-shields (12), 93; Mr. A. K. Rodger (8), 96; Mr. D. Mackenzie (20), 97; Mr. H. Findlay (14), 106.

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